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Peewee bodychecking banned

Momentum. Support for contact bans across Canada growing, Hockey Calgary backs move by Alberta

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Young Alberta hockey players like these won't be throwing their bodies around anymore starting next season — at least not until they reach the bantam level. CANDICE WARD/METRO FILE PHOTO

Alberta peewee hockey will be body-check-free next season.

That announcement from the provincial governing body of Canada's favourite game, Hockey Alberta, came Wednesday after a long-standing debate that seemed to only gain steam with the decision.

Hockey Calgary, for its part, fully supported the move after attempting to get its own peewee and bantam body-checking ban off the ground last year.

That proposal was shot down by a majority of 24 associations in the city, however, the provincial ruling will not be put to vote.

"By postponing body checking in the game of hockey, we are making the game safer," Hockey Calgary spokesperson Christina Rogers said.

"Right now, kids may not necessarily focus on their skating skills or their stick-handling skills because they're always having to look over their shoulder to see if someone's coming up behind them."

The ban will be enforced in time for the next hockey season, with Calgary athletes still learning the finer points of contact in practice settings, Rogers said.

Calgary parent Tabatha Wood had two sons play minor hockey and said one suffered a concussion after taking a hit. She's not convinced, however, that removing contact at this age level in Alberta will solve the issue.

"There's still going to be other areas they travel to that have body checking and they need to learn that," she said.

Hockey Calgary's new hit-free era will come without the guidance of former president Todd Millar, who stepped away after a blog post surfaced in which he referred to those opposed to a body-checking ban as "morons" and questioned whether any had reviewed research outlining the risks of contact for 11- and 12-year-old athletes.

Reached Wednesday, Millar said he was "delighted" with the decision.

"Change sometimes takes a lot of time ... from my perspective there really is no place for it in minor hockey period, end of discussion, except for in the very elite stream where people are aspiring to have a profession in the game," he said.

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Shark fins. Decision on regulation delayed

Calgary's ongoing debate over shark-fin regulation attracted dozens of citizens as well as visitors from across Canada to a Wednesday meeting of aldermen, who then put the matter off until after the next municipal election.

"Rarely have we seen so many people fill a room, talking passionately about a subject," said Ald. Druh Farrell, before the city's community and protective services committee voted to defer the next decision on the controversial issue to December.

Among the people who spoke to the committee — mostly in favour of shark-fin regulation — was Kerry Jang, a Vancouver city councillor who has put forward a similar bylaw in that city.

Despite a lot of "howling and screaming" when the idea was introduced, Jang said it mostly came from merchants afraid of losing lucrative business while the city's Chinese community was, by and large, in favour of a shark-fin ban.

But Annette Fung, a member of the city's Shark Fin Task Force, urged aldermen to abandon efforts to regulate this "very broad and complex global issue" and leave it to higher levels of government.

"The municipal government level does not have the resources, capability and international influence," she said.

Aldermen voted to have the task force report back in December, after October's municipal election.

ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

Student kills chicken, teacher fired

An instructor at the Alberta College of Art and Design has been fired after a student killed a chicken in the cafeteria last month.

Gord Ferguson, head of the sculpture program at ACAD, confirmed Wednesday that he was let go following an April 18 incident where one of his students killed and decapitated a chicken as part of a demonstration.

The student took a chicken in to the cafeteria at the lunch hour and, in front of dozens of fellow students, proceeded to calm the chicken before slitting its throat and defeathering it.

At the time, police said the student killed the animal as part of an assignment where he was to perform and film a public protest.

The day after the student killed the chicken, police determined no charges would be laid against him.

When reached at home, Ferguson, a sculpture instructor for 32 years at ACAD, said he wasn't willing to comment further and was assessing his next course of action.

ACAD spokesperson Alex Middleton said the school was unable to provide comment as well.

"ACAD followed due process in a timely and thorough matter and a decision has been made but, as it's a personnel issue, we are unable to comment at this time," he said. KATIE TURNER/METRO

A longtime instructor has been let go after a student at ACAD cut the head off a live chicken in the cafeteria on April 18. FACEBOOK.COM

Last-minute $10 ticket buy pays off big time

Part of record win.

Okotoks resident bought $15.8M winner at a Mac's convenience store hours before the draw

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Lucky six

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The six numbers that won Klepaychuk $15.8 M are 2, 10, 17, 19, 44 and 47.

At age 32, Okotoks resident Chad Klepaychuk is now semi-retired and has his eyes on a beachfront property thanks to a lottery win of $15.8 million.

Klepaychuk had purchased a $10 ticket with five Quick Pick selections at a Mac's convenience store just hours before the April 13 draw.

"We were just watching the news and they announced someone in Alberta won and we checked the ticket, and double-checked, and triple-checked again," he said.

Even after realizing he'd won, Klepaychuk held on to the ticket for a couple weeks before coming forward, saying he needed some time to let it sink in.

The former apprentice refrigeration and air conditioning technician has since left his job and is looking at getting a new truck, taking a warm holiday and potentially buying a winter home.

Klepaychuk's cheque is one-quarter of a more than $64.4 million prize, which was split among four people with the winning numbers. It's currently the largest Canadian lottery win on record.

Jim Stang with the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission said two of the four tickets have yet to be claimed and all but Klepaychuk's ticket were purchased in B.C.

Chad Klepaychuk shows off the cheque from his Lotto 6/49 win. KATIE TURNER/METRO

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Police Chief Awards honour brave locals

Lifesavers. Martindale couple rushed to the aid of a woman shot three times across the street from their home

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Michelle and Eric Anderson were among dozens of Calgarians honoured for their bravery during the annual Police Chief's Awards Gala held Wednesday night. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

Eric and Michelle Anderson were lying in bed when they heard the screams.

It was shortly after midnight Aug. 20, but the couple of 36 years had kept the windows open, trying to keep cool during a rare Calgary heat wave.

"We looked out ... she was on the ground. He was over top of her and he had a gun," Michelle recalled of the scene across the street from her Martindale home. "I heard her begging, she was saying, 'Please don't do it, please don't do it.' I said to Eric, 'He's going to try to kill her.' "

Three shots rang out, striking the woman twice in the abdomen and once in the leg.

Without thinking, the Andersons sprang into action. The gunman had disappeared, but the victim stumbled towards their home.

Eric approached her and sat on her down on the front lawn.

"She didn't want to go into our house," he said. "She kept saying she needed to watch her house — she was in shock."

Michelle called 911, grabbed some towels and applied pressure to the gunshot wounds until emergency responders arrived minutes later.

In light of their courage, the Andersons were presented with an award of exceptional recognition by Police Chief Rick Hanson at his annual awards gala Wednesday night.

In all, 28 citizens and 45 members of the police service were presented with awards — in most cases, recipients disregarded their own personal safety and rushed to the aid of another.

"It truly is an amazing night for us," said Deputy Chief Trevor Daroux. "It's an opportunity that is so important to us to say thank you to those people for the work they've done."

Taking action

"We were just doing what you hope anyone would do in a situation like that."

Eric Anderson, who along with his wife rushed to the aid of a woman shot three times on her front lawn

Investigation. Teen found dead, homicide unit called to residence

Two teens walk past a home in Calgary's northwest community of Citadel where a young male was found dead late Tuesday. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

Family and friends stood in shock in front of a northwest Calgary home late Tuesday after a teenager was discovered dead inside.

Police said very little about their ongoing investigation Wednesday but homicide investigators were called to the residence in the 100 block of Citadel Drive N.W.

Mashar Memon lives next door and said he saw his adult neighbour standing out front with friends around 10:30 Tuesday night.

"They told me the son had been found inside," he said. "I didn't ask too much because they were going through a lot."

Yellow police tape cordoned off the home Wednesday, even after the body was removed. An autopsy was scheduled as well and police anticipated releasing more details once results from that came in.

Memon said family friends told him the boy was 15. He said the family has never created any problems in the few years they have lived next door, adding they generally kept to themselves.

If deemed criminal, the death would be Calgary's ninth of 2013. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

Education. Face-to-face instruction to be cut

A long-standing requirement for high school students to have 25 hours of face-to-face instruction per course will be removed at more than 100 high schools across the province this fall.

"Linking credits to the time a kid spends sitting in a desk is too prescriptive for some high school students, especially those who don't require the full 25 hours of face-to-face instruction to master the curriculum," Education Minister Jeff Johnson said in news release issued Wednesday.

Ernest Manning High School in Calgary has already implemented the government's High School Flexibility Enhancement project, and teacher Mike McManus said the change will allow students to accelerate through courses.

"It's designed to take a more modern look at what high school should be," he said. METRO

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Thinking local. New Glenbow CEO sees more community connection in museum's future

Interim Glenbow Museum CEO Donna Livingstone has taken over the position on a full-time basis and plans to invite more community-level input and interaction at the downtown centre.

"The real energy we've seen is when we really directly involve the community in our programming and our exhibition," Livingstone said on Wednesday.

She pointed to the museum's recent exhibition, No Roads Here: Corb Lund's Alberta, as one example of programming with a local connection and said she wants to see more exhibitions along those lines.

Livingstone was named interim CEO last November, taking a leave of absence from her previous position as a director of culture and community programs at the University of Calgary, following the resignation of former museum CEO Kirstin Evenden.

Donna Livingstone METRO FILE

The museum undertook an international search for a permanent CEO but ultimately chose Livingstone as the best candidate, according to Jack Thrasher, chair of the Glenbow's board of governors.

"Donna's experience, passion for Glenbow and the progress she has made to advance the organization during her time as the interim president ultimately set her apart," Thrasher said in a statement announcing her appointment. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

What's up? Balletlujah! at the Jubilee

Tara Williamson is thrust in the air on Wednesday during a dress rehearsal of an Alberta Ballet presentation at the Jubilee Auditorium. The show, named Balletlujah!, is billed as a contemporary ballet inspired by the songs of k.d. lang. It runs in Calgary until Saturday. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

Calgary Zoo. Snow leopard cub dies

The first cub born to a pair of snow leopards at the Calgary Zoo died over the weekend, though zoo staff are looking at the positive side of the pregnancy.

Curator Colleen Baird said one of the zoo staff found the cub in the den on Saturday afternoon but it was already dead.

"We are suspecting that she gave birth Friday or early morning Saturday," Baird said.

Staff knew there was a chance the female was pregnant after the pair mated for a brief period this year, but Baird said the snow leopards show no apparent signs of being pregnant.

However, Baird said the female did exhibit some signs of motherhood, such as cleaning the cub, which leaves staff hopeful that the pair will one day breed successfully.

"The team is sad that we don't have a live cub but this is such a huge … success in the fact that we didn't know that she would carry."

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Trustee spends day in wheelchair

Disability awareness. Many buildings in Calgary still lack proper wheelchair access

Getting the kids ready for school, personal errands, school-board meetings and interacting with constituents.

Tuesday was a run-of-the-mill day for Calgary Board of Education trustee Joy Bowen-Eyre — except for the fact she was bound to a wheelchair.

"There are all of these little things that you now have to think about ... I can't even imagine pushing this thing through the snow." said the former social worker.

Bowen-Eyre was the Calgary participant in a March of Dimes Canada effort to raise awareness about disability access.

She spent Tuesday job-shadowed by Theresa Smith, a City of Calgary employee who suffers from post-polio syndrome; Bowen-Eyre in turn shadowed the daily challenges Smith faces with accessibility.

Smith said it can be really hard to maintain a tight schedule when relying on services like Access Calgary for transportation. Bowen-Eyre was picked up on time by her wheelchair-accessible bus Tuesday morning and made it to the CBE's downtown headquarters on time.

"You just have to find a way to make it work," Smith said.

The event was being held as part of Access Awareness Week, which runs May 4 to 10. March of Dimes Canada is a charity providing support services to people with disabilities, their families and caregivers across Canada.

JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

Calgary Board of Education trustee Joy Bowen-Eyre was shadowed Tuesday by post-polio syndrome sufferer Theresa Smith as she experienced life in a wheelchair first-hand. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

$55M? Edmonton arena decision delayed again

Edmonton councillors sent city administration back to the drawing board on the downtown arena once again Wednesday, in hopes of finding new ways to fund the project.

Despite obvious frustration with delays, council voted to defer a decision and asked administration for a report on funding options.

Administration had recommended the city go forward on the assumption that $55 million in missing funding will come later, but Mayor Stephen Mandel said that's not a solution.

"I realize Edmontonians would like this settled, (but) what's in front of us is not a solution," he said.

Coun. Don Iveson encouraged administration to consider changes to the proposed ticket tax, but Coun. Kerry Diotte said he wants the Katz Group to come to the table with more money.

Representatives from the Katz Group were on hand at council and said they were optimistic, even with the deferral.

"I think it's fairly clear the councillors are engaged in the process; they want to reach a solution and so do we," said John Karvellas. METRO EDMONTON

Total cost

$604.5M

When the cost of the arena, Winter Garden and an LRT connection into the site are included the total cost of the project is $604.5 million.

City of Edmonton administration is being asked to look at a range of options for funding the arena and come back quickly to city councillors. CITY OF EDMONTON

Investigation

Body found in Bow River

Medical examiners are on scene after a body was found in Calgary's Bow River.

Insp. Mike Tillotson said a call came in around 12:30 p.m. and confirmed a body had been found.

"That's all I can really say at this point," he added.

The body was found near the Inglewood Golf and Curling Club. No description of the person was made available.

JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

Vehicle rampage

Charges laid against teen

Calgary police have charged a 15-year-old boy after officers pursued a truck travelling at high speeds and crashing into vehicles more than an hour Tuesday.

The accused cannot be named under provisions of the Youth Criminal Justice Act. Reports of the out-of-control truck began pouring in around 8:30 a.m., with witnesses spotting the vehicle heading southbound on Deerfoot Trail.

Police finally rammed the vehicle, bringing it to a stop around 10 a.m. METRO

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Marathon bombing

Suspect's body still without a grave

The dispute over where to bury suspected Boston Marathon bomber Tamerlan Tsarnaev escalated Wednesday as a Massachusetts police chief urged someone to step forward with a cemetery plot, saying: "We are not barbarians. We bury the dead."

Worcester Police Chief Gary Gemme's plea came a day after he said that a deal struck Monday to bury the 26-year-old's remains at a state prison site dissolved, with state officials no longer offering co-operation.

Police said it's costing the department tens of thousands of dollars to provide security at the funeral home that is holding Tsarnaev's body.

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31 years in prison

Wrongfully jailed man denied suit

A man who spent 31 years behind bars before his murder conviction was quashed has lost his bid to sue those involved in his prosecution, an Ontario court has ruled.

In dismissing the $14-million lawsuit, Superior Court Justice Eva Frank found the Ontario Court of Appeal had already weighed in against many of the allegations Romeo Phillion made in his claim.

Phillion, 74, alleged negligence and wrongdoing by prosecutors and police. He claimed the defendants had failed to tell the defence about an alibi that might have exonerated him.

Phillion was convicted in 1972 of having murdered Ottawa firefighter Leopold Roy. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Utah soccer game

Teen charged with homicide by assault in one-punch killing

A Utah teen accused of punching a soccer referee who later died was charged Wednesday with homicide by assault, a count issued when an attack unintentionally causes death.

Salt Lake County District Attorney Sim Gill also said he will seek to try the teen as an adult in the death of 46-year-old Ricardo Portillo.

The charge is less serious than manslaughter. It carries a sentence of up to five years in prison for adults.

Portillo called a penalty on the teen for pushing. Charging documents show witnesses said the teenager threw one punch, hitting Portillo in the rear jaw area.

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Ottawa. Package had the makings of a bomb: Police

A suspicious package found in the lobby of the Ottawa offices of the Department of National Defence Tuesday evening had the hallmarks of an improvised explosive device, police say.

"An X-ray was done of the package," said Insp. Mike Maloney. He said the package had a power source and a timing device but no explosive material. He also said there was "never any danger to the public."

"All the material was there, but that doesn't mean it was a bomb," said Maloney.

Police used a water cannon to separate the components of the device and then used something called a water bottle charge with a small amount of explosive to render the package safe.

Even if the device was not found to be an explosive, Maloney said there's still the potential to lay public mischief charges given the disruption to the public.

At around 7 p.m., an explosion echoed through the area around the headquarters after the Ottawa Police force's Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosives team was called in to investigate the suspicious package.

The RCMP, who were also called in to investigate, declined comment. Maloney said information is being gathered by all of the relevant authorities and police are looking for witnesses.

An investigation is underway and more details are expected to be released later, says Defence Minister Peter MacKay.

"There will be an investigation into this incident," the minister said in a statement. "More details will be made public as soon as they are available."

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Police are looking for witnesses in relation to the suspicious package. METRO

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Neighbours and friends of Amanda Berry clap as she arrives at her sister's home on Wednesday in Cleveland. Inset: Ariel Castro, the former bus driver charged with the crime. TONY DEJAK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Man charged in rape, kidnapping of women

Cleveland, Ohio.
No evidence his brothers were involved, police say

A Cleveland man arrested after three women missing for a decade were found alive at his run-down home was charged Wednesday with kidnapping and raping them. Prosecutors brought no charges against his brothers, saying there was no evidence they had any part in the crime.

Ariel Castro, 52, was charged with four counts of kidnapping — covering all three captives and the daughter born to one of them while she was held — and three counts of rape against the three women.

The former school bus driver owns the home where the women were rescued on Monday, after one of them broke through a screen door.

Police said that they were apparently bound with ropes and chains, and a city councilman briefed on the case, Brian Cummins, said they suffered miscarriages.

Deputy Police Chief Ed Tomba said the women could remember being outside only twice during their captivity.

And their first opportunity to escape didn't come until Monday, he said. The women were not kept in the same room but knew they were not alone, he said.

Earlier in the day, former captives Amanda Berry and Gina DeJesus were welcomed home by jubilant crowds.

DeJesus was greeted by chants of "Gina! Gina!" Berry arrived at her sister's home, festooned with dozens of balloons and signs, one reading "We Never Lost Hope Mandy."

The third captive, Michelle Knight, 32, was reported in good condition at Metro Health Medical Center.

Neighbours said that Ariel Castro took part in the search for one of the missing women, helped pass out fliers, performed music at a fundraiser and attended a candlelight vigil, where he comforted her mother. As recently as 2005, Castro was accused of repeated acts of violence against his children's mother. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Father's plea

"Too many kids these days come up missing, and we always ask this question: How come I didn't see what happened ... ? Why? Because we chose not to."

The father of victim Gina DeJesus, urging people to watch over kids in their neighbourhoods.

'Similarities'

A fourth girl?

Ashley Summers
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A fourth woman could be connected to the shocking case, the FBI confirms.

Ashley Summers disappeared at age 14 from the same area where the others were abducted.

Summers was last seen on July 9, 2007.

FBI spokesperson Vicki Anderson said the disappearance has "similarities" that the FBI is investigating.

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31 arrested over Brussels Airport diamond heist

Authorities strike. In Switzerland, police have found diamonds from the robbery, while cash and luxury cars turn up in Belgium

Prosecution spokesman Jean-Marc Meilleur. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Unlike the brilliant thieves in Ocean's Eleven, it appears that those behind the clockwork-precision, $50 million diamond heist at Brussels Airport may not get a Hollywood ending.

After three months of virtual silence on the matter, authorities struck this week, detaining at least 31 people in a three-nation sweep and recovering so many diamonds from the loot Antwerp traders lost that they are still figuring out the exact value.

Officials said that among the people held in Belgium, France and Switzerland on Tuesday and Wednesday are some with violent criminal pasts; the one person held in France is believed to have been one of the robbers at the airport. The evidence seized includes large sums of cash, precious stones and luxury cars.

"It was a total surprise for us," said Caroline De Wolf of the Antwerp World Diamond Center, whose traders lost millions in the Feb. 18 heist. "But we were delighted when we heard."

Six to eight people were detained in Geneva, and 24 in and around Brussels.

The most important discovery was in Geneva of stones that could immediately be linked to the theft.

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Brazil

Leading Brazilian pastor detained for alleged rapes of six women, including minors

Police in Brazil say they've detained an Evangelical pastor accused of raping six women, including three minors.

Police officer Marcio Mendonca Dugubras says Marcos Pereira of the Assembly of God of the Latter Days church was detained late Tuesday in the Rio de Janeiro suburb of Sao Joao de Meriti.

He says Pereira is suspected in six rapes.

Rio's O Globo newspaper reports that one of the alleged victims said she was raped by Pereira from the age of 14 to 22.

Phone calls to the Assembly of God Church were not answered, but it posted a statement on its website saying it is "confident in the actions of God in the life of Marcos Pereira."

Their website comment adds: "The Bible teaches that there is no evangelism without persecution."

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Colorado. Accused in movie theatre shootings wants to change his plea

The trial of the former graduate student charged in the deadly Colorado movie theatre shootings will likely be delayed weeks or months because he wants to change his plea to not guilty by reason of insanity.

The judge in the case will hear arguments about the request Monday.

If the judge accepts the plea, James Holmes would be sent to a mental hospital where doctors would determine whether he was sane at the time. If he's found to be insane, a jury still could find him guilty.

Holmes, 25, is charged with more than 160 counts of murder and attempted murder — 12 people were killed and 70 injured in the shootings.

Prosecutors have previously said they will seek the death penalty. Holmes' attorneys repeatedly have said in court hearings that he is mentally ill.

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James Holmes and his attorney Tamara Brady in March. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Arias convicted of first-degree murder in death of ex-boyfriend

Show is over, folks. Trial gained worldwide attention due to soap-opera dramatics, with at least one court regular selling her spot for $200

Jodi Arias was convicted of first-degree murder Wednesday in the gruesome killing of her one-time boyfriend in Arizona after a four-month trial that captured headlines with lurid tales of sex, lies, religion and a salacious relationship that ended in a blood bath.

Arias fought back tears, and family members of the victim wept and hugged each other as the verdict was announced in the hushed, packed courtroom.

Outside, a huge crowd that had gathered on the courthouse steps screamed, whistled and cheered the news in a case that has attracted fans from across the country who travelled to Phoenix to be close to the proceedings. Some chanted "USA, USA, USA!"

The jury took about 15 hours to reach its verdict after four months of testimony, including 18 days on the witness stand by the 32-year-old Arias, a small-town waitress. The jury will return to the courtroom Thursday to begin the next phase of the trial that could set the stage for her being sentenced to death.

Arias was charged with first-degree murder in the June 2008 death of Travis Alexander in his suburban Phoenix home. Authorities said she planned the attack in a jealous rage after being rejected by the victim while he pursued other women. Arias initially denied involvement then later blamed the killing on masked intruders. Two years after her arrest, she said it was self-defence.

The trial quickly snowballed into a made-for-the-tabloids drama, garnering daily coverage from cable news networks and spawning a virtual cottage industry for talk shows, legal experts and even Arias, who used her notoriety to sell artwork she made in jail.

In this May 1 photo, Jodi Arias sits in court in Phoenix. It has become a real-life soap opera for people around the world and dozens of fanatics who camp out on a Phoenix sidewalk to get in. THE ARIZONA REPUBLIC/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Jurors deliberated for two full days before reaching a decision Wednesday morning.

The trial will move into a phase during which prosecutors will argue the killing was committed in an especially cruel, heinous and depraved manner. If the jury agrees, another phase will determine whether she should get the death penalty.

Alexander suffered nearly 30 knife wounds, was shot in the forehead and had his throat slit before Arias dragged him into his shower.

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Berlusconi. Appeals court upholds conviction

Former Premier Silvio Berlusconi's tax fraud conviction and four-year prison sentence were upheld on the first appeal Wednesday in a case that could see him barred from public office for five years.

In Italy, defendants are legally considered innocent until all appeals are exhausted, and Berlusconi's lawyers are expected to appeal the case to the nation's highest Court of Cassation.

Still, the ruling, which comes just days before prosecutors wrap up closing arguments in his sensational sex-for-hire trial, raises the question of whether Berlusconi's days as a political force are numbered.

Although Berlusconi holds no governmental posts he remains influential. It was his decision to head the centre-right coalition that gave a boost to his forces in February's election, finishing a close second to the centre-left.

"My opinion is that a personality who had such a relevant role in Italy for 20 years — absolutely controversial, evidently, but relevant — cannot be eliminated by judicial means, but by political means," Stefano Folli, a political commentator said on La7 private TV.

Silvio Berlusconi GETTY IMAGES FILE

The 5 Star Movement party is pressing to apply the judicial ban on public office immediately. Italian media reported that cheers went up in a party meeting when the verdict was announced.

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A day at the office: Eat, swim, patrol beaches

Tough assignments. Eight Canadians make shortlist for Tourism Australia's Best Jobs in the World competition

Mary Gazze of Toronto is going to eat her way around Australia, if she gets the job as taste master. Greg Snell of Oshawa, Ont., will swim with Australia's dolphins, if he gets the job as wildlife caretaker.

Drew Sellen of Pickering, Ont., will patrol Australia's beaches and check the water temperature if he gets the job as park ranger. However, he has a competitor in Margi Shah of Mississauga, Ont.

They are among the eight Canadians on the 150-person shortlist for Tourism Australia's Best Jobs in the World competition. Other Canadians on the shortlist hail from Montreal and British Columbia. The successful applicants will start their six-month positions on Aug. 1.

The job descriptions for the six positions are as follows:

- Chief funster in New South Wales: Reviews festivals and events.
- Lifestyle photographer in Melbourne: Creates city and country photo shoots.
- Outback adventurer in the Northern Territory: Travels Outback meeting locals.
- Park ranger in Queensland: Checks water temperatures, patrols beaches.
- Wildlife caretaker, Southern Australia: Wakes up kangaroos, swims with dolphins.
- Taste master in Western Australia: Eats way around state.

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Mary Gazze of Toronto has made the shortlist in the taste master category of Travel Australia's Best Jobs in the World competition. FACEBOOK

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The Conservatives are beefing up the tools used to go after tax cheats in the hopes of recovering billions in lost revenue. A team of six to 10 bureaucrats will be assigned to work only on pinpointing tax evaders and their efforts will be backed by $30 million over the next five years for new technology and other tools required for the hunt.

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Floating flip-flops find fulfilment

Carver Jackson Mbatha, 40, poses next to a large toy giraffe he is making from pieces of discarded flip-flops, in front of a painted workshop wall at the Ocean Sole flip-flop recycling company in Nairobi, Kenya. The company is cleaning the East African country's beaches of used, washed-up flip-flops and now, the dirty pieces of rubber that were once cruising the Indian Ocean's currents are being turned into colourful handmade giraffes, elephants and other toy animals. About 45 workers in Nairobi make 100 different products from the discarded flip-flops. BEN CURTIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A DASH OF OPTIMISM FOR PARENTS

HE SAYS

John Mazerolle
metronews.ca

I don't know any bad parents.

I just realized this recently and it came as a total shock, similar to when I suddenly grasped, in a moment of clarity, that Murdock on The A-Team is Barclay on Star Trek: The Next Generation.

I know of bad parents, sure. I hear stories about friends of friends who approached parenting the same way some people approach marriage, as a chore they felt obliged to do, like dishes.

And the media is full of stories about parents who are too strict or too lax. Parents who ride their kids for good grades, or who could ride their kids to safety if necessary because their children are so fat.

Maybe the fact that the criticisms are all over the map should have tipped me off that bad parents are the outliers, not the trend.

My brother and sister-in-law have six kids (it's a church thing), each more well behaved and well adjusted than the last. The sort of kids that cause elderly people at restaurants to warily ask, "What's the secret?" as if my brother is raising aliens, or The Stepford Children.

I'm good friends with a nine-year-old named Dash, who is perhaps the best kid I know. Besides playing hockey and tennis as well as I do, he also plays instruments including piano and the mandolin better than I do (that is to say, he plays them at all). Recently we were hanging out and I asked him if he'd seen any good movies lately.

"Life of Pi was excellent," he said.

I blinked.

"Did you read the book?"

"Not yet," he said.

Then he lit up a cigar and we discussed stock options.

I made that last sentence up, but you get my point. And I can think of at least a half-dozen kids that, if not quite so erudite as Dash, seem as bright and balanced as any adults I know — probably more so.

My little slice of life is hardly a scientific sample, but I suspect all the hand-wringing over the state of parenting is similar to worrying about "today's youth." People are convinced each is getting worse every generation, when things are largely the same as previous generations and in some ways better.

We like the idea that there was a Golden Age of parenting and that things would be better if we could just get back to it somehow. They never show the scene on Father Knows Best where he lashes his son with a belt for getting home late, or tells his daughters that homosexuality is an abomination before God. Or if they do, it's only on the DVD extras.

I hope to raise a child some day, though before I get to the Miracle of Life I have to get to the Miracle of Having a Steady Girlfriend. When I finally get to deal with all the anxiety and exhaustion that comes with being a dad, it'll be nice to know I'll have some role models to live up to and lean on.

And if all the great parents I'm friends with can't help, maybe Dash can. He knows best.

ZOOM

My way is the high way

HAP/QUIRKY CHINA NEWS/REX FEATURES

And you thought your commute was bad

Few journeys to school are enjoyable, but what the kids of south China's Zhangjiawan village put up with is terrifying. Students must scale a 60-metre cliff using unsecured wooden ladders, or, endure the alternative, which is a five-hour hike.

The local government has now promised to build concrete steps, which should make the trip a little easier.

The village is located on a remote mountain called The Gate of Heaven in China's Hunan province. The nearest town is 35 kilometres away, and to get there, residents have to endure 90 degree cliffs, seen here. **METRO**

Worse than two feet of snow

"For generations, the villagers used this path to go into town to go to school. But now, some of the richer families rent an apartment in town so their child can go to school."

Resident Yang Junxiang

Heigh-ho, heigh-ho

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The population of Zhangjiawan has quickly declined below 100 from a previous level of 400. The village had originally been created hundreds of years ago as an escape from bandits, but the appeal of isolation seems to have diminished. The village is so self-sufficient that very few outsiders need to enter. The residents are able to generate income using the area's natural resources by way of bee keeping, hunting and growing leaves used for sticky dumplings.

Other scary commutes

- **Yungas Road (Bolivia).** Around 300 travellers are killed each year on this road leading from La Paz to the Amazon.
- **Lowari Pass (Pakistan).** A busy trucking route 3,000 metres up that is vulnerable to avalanches and storms.
- **Batllava Lake (Kosovo).** Kids cross an ice lake to get to school.
- **Hussaini Bridge (Pakistan).** The Hussaini village is located on both sides of the Hunza River, and to get to the other side, villagers use a bridge made from wooden planks held together by twine. Floodwaters submerged it in 2010, but it has since been rebuilt.

Click bait

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With news this week that Adobe will switch to a new, subscription-based payment plan, Photoshop users may be rethinking their Adobe allegiance. If the move has you thinking about editing your photo software, you might want to shop around and test out some of these free photo-editing sites.

Gimp

User-friendly and surprisingly full featured, Gimp is the go-to Photoshop alternative. Besides being reliable for your photo fixes, it has the added bonus of running on Linux.

IrfanView

Simple and intuitive, Irfan is great for light edits, photo viewing and adding simple effects.

PicMonkey

If 'cute' is a prerequisite for your editing software, PicMonkey's your site. Extremely easy to use, it lets you do basic fixes and one-click touch ups (and gives you the option to upgrade for more ways to 'cuten' up your selfies).

Paint.Net

Despite the name, which sounds like a program that belongs on a Commodore 64, Paint offers advanced features without being overly complicated.

Comments

RE: Stag And Doe? Don't Ask Me To Pay For Your Wedding, published May 7

I'm kind of guessing that you've never attended a proper Manitoba social. They're so ingrained into the culture of our province that usually one of the first questions asked of a newly engaged couple is, "When's your social?"

A big chunk of the costs for the social are usually put up by the couple themselves — the hall, the food, the booze — and they're the front runners on organizing social prizes and donations. What gets charged for beverages is nowhere near what you'd have to be paying at a bar. The only way you'd get cheaper booze is buying it yourself and drinking it in your backyard. Socials are also a great way to celebrate with people that you may not be inviting to your wedding. Some co-workers, acquaintances, family friends — people that you're friendly with but you don't know well enough to invite to the ceremony and reception.

Socials are crazy fun. You heckle the couple when they're pulling tickets for the prizes. You buy them drinks. Everyone (who's left) bounces around like a fool at the end of the night to Spirit of the West's Home for a Rest.

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Female DJ duo Rebecca & Fiona are showing the boys they've got the beat

BACKSTAGE PASS
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Swedish dance music duo Rebecca & Fiona have worked hard to become two of the most successful female producers in the EDM genre. They'll keep Flames Central's dance floor packed on Saturday night.

In the past five years, dance music has arguably entered its most popular, and most profitable, phase.

And while electronic dance music (or EDM) events tend to attract a fairly equal ratio of women to men, the production, labels and DJ roles within the genre are predominantly occupied by males.

However, there are a handful of women moving up the EDM ranks, including Swedish DJ and production duo Rebecca & Fiona.

Fiona Fitzpatrick says it hasn't been easy to get respect as producers in such a male-centric industry.

"I think some people think we're a bit annoying sometimes," says the 25-year-old.

"And a lot of people don't think we write or produce or own music.

"Even in our hometown (Stockholm) people say that we've got a little person in the booth helping us deejay."

But Rebecca & Fiona have made sure to do everything themselves — from songwriting and producing to performing and deejaying — in order to be taken seriously.

"We needed to know we could do everything ourselves, to be strong enough to know how to deal with record labels and all these 50-something men trying to tell us what to do," Fitzpatrick explains.

"We can do it as long as we're secure in what we know."

Fitzpatrick was introduced to electronic music through her father, Gregory Fitzpatrick, an American-born musician best known for his work in Swedish prog rock group Samla Mammas Manna.

She received synthesizers as Christmas and birthday gifts as a child and admits she didn't appreciate them as much as she should have.

"It was sort of forced on me," she recalls.

"I'm sad I didn't enjoy it more, but of course, I wanted to have Barbies instead.

"I had a feminist punk band when I was 14, so I think I wanted to revolt against my father. It took a while for me to realize I had the opportunity to use my father's (musical) knowledge."

Rebecca & Fiona are recording a new album in Fitzpatrick's father's studio, and she says it will be more political than dance music generally is.

"I think it's hard to look around you and see what's going on and then write pink and fluffy music," she says.

"But we're working in EDM, which is pretty apolitical. We want to change that, but by still making appealing, simple melodies."

Who are Rebecca & Fiona?

- Fiona Fitzpatrick and Rebecca Scheja, 23, met at a mutual friend's party in Stockholm in 2007.
- The duo released its debut album, I Love You, Man! in 2011 and have worked with such dance music heavyweights as Kaskade and Swedish House Mafia.
- Rebecca & Fiona will take over Flames Central on May 11. Tickets are $20.00 through Ticketfly.com or at the door.

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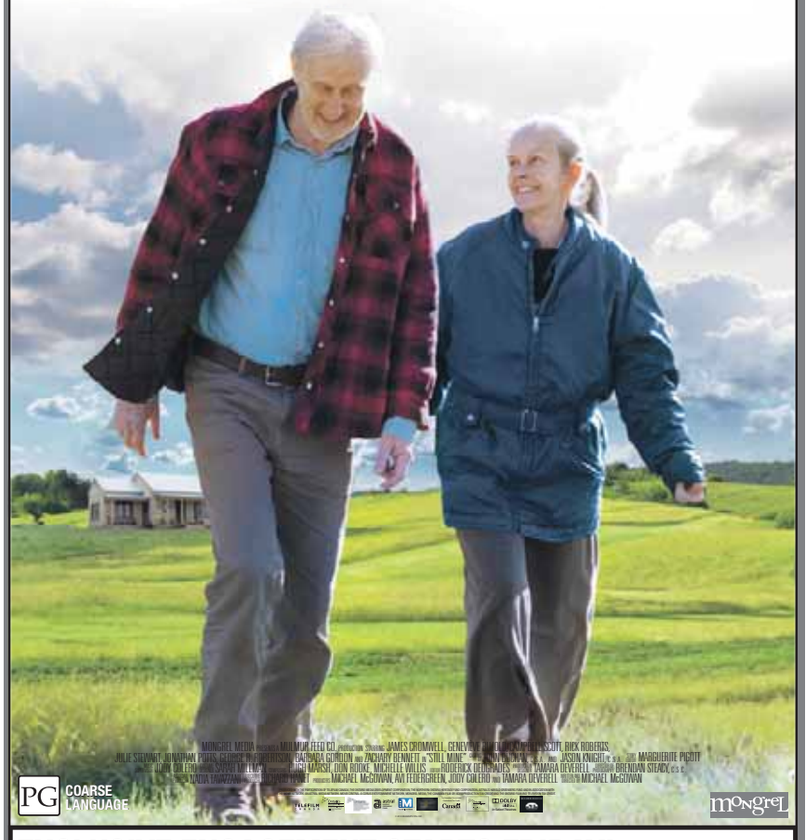

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Healthy change. The early live-fast, die-young image of the genre is waning as its stars of old smarten up and speak out

Chris Kelly of Kris Kross died recently of a suspected drug overdose.
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The culture that in the 1990s lost its brightest stars to gun violence has in recent years seen a series of notable rappers die of drug and health-related causes. Since 2011, hip-pop pioneer Heavy D, singer and rap chorus specialist Nate Dogg and New York rapper Tim Dog all died of ailments in their 40s. Kriss Kross rapper Chris Kelly was found dead last week in Atlanta of a suspected drug overdose at 34.

Some of the genre's elder statesmen say they're worried about the culture's focus on youth, current emphasis on freewheeling partying and "you only live once" ethos, as popularized by Drake's 2011 hit The Motto.

"Hip-hop being a lifestyle culture ... a part of American culture, you have to be mindful that somebody is going to grow old, age," said rap pioneer Melle Mel. "At some point somebody has to realize that hip-hop has to learn how to grow up. It's way too juvenile and it's been that way for too long."

The 51-year-old rapper, who memorably warned in 1982's The Message about urban youth who "lived so fast and died so young," said he suffers chronic bronchitis from being around marijuana and cigarette smoke when he was performing. Of course, heavy drug use in hip-hop or rock is hardly new: Cowboy of his Furious Five group died in 1989 "basically from getting high," Melle Mel said.

"It's not really worth it to literally party yourself to death. It's like committing suicide," he added. "You have to choose between what makes you feel good and what makes you think you feel good."

Other influential rappers who've died in their 30s in the last decade include Southern rap pioneer Pimp C and Wu-Tang Clan's Ol Dirty Bastard, both from drug overdoses.

Lifestyle isn't to blame for all fatal health problems in hip-hop. Smooth-voiced Midwesterner MC Breed died of kidney failure in 2008 at age 37. Soulful producer J Dilla died in 2006 at age 32 of complications from lupus. Cancer killed rappers Guru in 2010 at 48 and Adam Yauch of the Beastie Boys last year at 47. One of the genre's top stars, Lil Wayne, has inadvertently focused attention on the issue. After he was hospitalized for multiple seizures, the 30-year-old rapper told a Los Angeles radio station in March that he's an epileptic.

As some of the genre's more well-known figures hit their late 30s and 40s, they've figured out ways to keep up appearances in public while also keeping their health. 50 Cent said he rarely drinks alcohol anymore. That "bottle full of bub" he's holding in nightclubs nowadays isn't what you think.

"I want to live a good long healthy life. So I'm health-conscious," the 37-year-old rapper-actor said. "You never see me drink. If you did see me with a bottle, it had ginger ale in it."

Though he's still a heavy marijuana smoker, Snoop Dogg said he stopped drinking alcohol at clubs six years ago after suspecting that a woman put the sedative Rohypnol — widely known as a "date-rape drug" — in one of his drinks.

"I used to drink alcohol as a fashion statement. If you in the club, they bringing you bottles and you're just drinking. I don't do that anymore. I drink water or cranberry juice," he said. "I'm not cheap. I just want to survive." Snoop, 41, said his focus on health comes from his desire to remain competitive and relevant to a genre that's largely focused on youth.

"Because when we perform, we don't have as much energy," he said. "So now we've got to get up and work out, do push-ups or jumping jacks, or whatever we've got to do to keep ourselves looking good and feeling good. Because one thing about an old man — he don't ever want to feel like he old."

For producer and rapper RZA, hip-hop's emphasis on youth stems from an urban culture that since the '80s has had trouble planning for the future.

"They said we should be dead or in jail by the age of 25. And I think we live like that," the 43-year-old Wu-Tang Clan founder said. "But what happens when you make it past 25? What happens when you make it to 40? Are you prepared for life now?"

"Think of the great artists like Biggie Smalls and Tupac, who made some of the greatest hip-hop music of all time. But they didn't make it past 25," he said. "They didn't even become a man. ODB was just becoming a man. What I want to tell the hip-hop generation out there is that there's a chance you're going to become a man. Be prepared." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Death by hip hop

"It's not really worth it to literally party yourself to death. It's like committing suicide."
Rapper Melle Mel

Band is back for another Last Splash

Reunions. The Breeders celebrate the 20th anniversary of an album that was the 'last' of its kind

PAT HEALY
Metro World News in Boston

The Breeders are currently on tour and celebrating the 20th anniversary of Last Splash. GETTY IMAGES

Kelley Deal says that when she found herself in a rehearsal room again with the definitive version of the Breeders after nearly 20 years, she had a revelation.

"I realized that Last Splash was the only album that all of us had played on together," she says of the breakthrough record that the band are celebrating the anniversary of with a deluxe edition and their current tour. "I had never thought about that before."

Deal's twin sister Kim was the band's only constant on all albums. Last Splash was their second release, and their first with both Deal sisters playing on it. After that, the band splintered off and called themselves the Amps after bassist Josephine Wiggs left.

Though the Breeders reformed multiple times over the years, it was never with the rhythm section that gave the band their biggest hit, Cannonball, which kicked the summer of 1993 into gear with a definitive bass riff.

"I've played Cannonball so many times, and I love the way (longtime Breeders bassist) Mando Lopez plays it, and he plays it right, but until we got back with Jo, it just never felt the same way," says Deal.

"Because when you're the one who comes up with the part, you really own it. When I play songs from (the Breeders' first album) Pod, it never feels quite right because I didn't come up with the parts."

The energy that Deal discovered in that rehearsal room this year with her old band mates filled her with hope.

"I kept saying, 'Why don't we record more?' But then we realized if we didn't rehearse the Last Splash songs then we'd play them really badly and play really well on these new songs that nobody wanted to hear," she says. Deal says a new album by the classic lineup isn't out of the question for later: "When we were together, it just really clicked."

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Iggy's bubble just refuses to Pop

Ready To Die.
Determined, durable rocker's new album with The Stooges proves age is no obstacle to all involved

Iggy Pop and Michigan outfit The Stooges just keep going and are now on their rock victory lap. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

When Iggy & the Stooges broke up in 1974, almost no one who'd heard of the band had actually heard it.

More than 40 years later, Iggy Pop's band has a new album, Ready to Die, a place in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and growing reverence for its place in music history. It's one of rock's stranger success stories, but what do you expect when it comes to Iggy Pop and the proto-punk band everybody used to hate, but really loved?

"It's true. It's a funny arc with us," Pop said in a phone interview last week. "That is the way it is, actually, in all the various numerical yardsticks of all this crud — it's bigger than it was. We have the advantage that it was so tiny when we started. It was really, really tiny in numerical scope, but it's grown and all those old records still sell really nice and steadily, and they're heavily licensed. People get to hear them at sports events and on movies and in adverts."

When historians and critics sort through the band's legacy, Pop notes, they always point out the Stooges' initial commercial failure: "But I always felt I was never making them for a quick buck. I was always making them forever."

The Michigan-based Stooges broke up in 1974 after dropping a pair of influential albums, Fun House and Raw Power. The group with Mike Watt on bass reformed in 2003 and guitarist James Williamson rejoined the band in 2009 after guitarist-bassist Ron Asheton passed away.

The 66-year-old Pop spoke about getting better with age and the possibility of more Stooges in the 21st century:

What do you think accounts for the band's continuing growth in popularity?
It got more to the general public maybe somewhere in the mid-'90s. It just sort of got to be everybody was ready to go, "Oooh, OK." I think part of that is there were fewer and fewer people doing sort of quote-unquote rock 'n' roll. It's become less and less available on a daily basis.

Your guitarist James Williamson returned to the band after a long break from music. Did he struggle to get back up to speed?
There are little nuances that I hear of things that he can do that he couldn't do a year ago or two years ago. That's interesting. Ultimately in a group of this vintage, there are certain things that you can't do quite as much of that you could do when you're in your 20s. If you've got soul and know how to marshal your intelligence, you can more than make up for that by the depth you can bring and the intelligent decisions you can make as a musician when you're in your 60s and I'd say that's kind of what he does.

The experts say your ability to pick things up slows down as you age. Do you agree?
No, that's a lot of cold s—. In fact, playing an instrument really well is almost a detriment to playing music if you want to play it for your own pleasure or play it as an author, as originator. ... If you read Bound for Glory by Woody Guthrie, the first chapter it starts out he's hoboing on a train, and he's using his guitar to shelter him from the rain, he's getting into fights with it. It doesn't even have a guitar case. And everybody knows Woody Guthrie couldn't play but three chords. I guarantee you, you could start in your 50s and learn how to play guitar like Woody Guthrie really quickly. He pulled music out of his box. That's what it's about really, pulling music out of your box.

You had a reputation for high-energy shows during the first go-round with the Stooges. Is it more difficult to perform to that standard now?
My personal ability to project physical energy probably didn't peak until only about six years ago, seven years ago. It was in my mid to late 50s and that's because when I was younger I didn't work at it at all.

Do you think there will be more Stooges music down the road?
You know, that's a good question. By the time I got done with this one, I been in the mood like, "Oh, f—, am I glad that's over with. Let's get this thing out." But that's also the tension of a modern marketing plan. They start rattling my cage and hassling me like two months before the thing comes out. ... So right now I think there's a very good chance we could.

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Humble Edgerton finds his inner cad

The Great Gatsby. Director Baz Luhrmann gave actor used to good-guy parts the confidence to take on bad-boy Buchanan role

MATTHEW PRIGGE
Metro World News in New York

Joel Edgerton is in his underwear. His schedule is so packed he has to do one of his interviews while being fitted for a tuxedo, which he will wear to the Cannes screening of his new film, Baz Luhrmann's pricey 3D version of The Great Gatsby.

"One day he's going to see me without my pants on in a movie, if he hasn't already," Edgerton cracks. So while the Aussie actor — best known for his roles in Animal Kingdom, Warrior, and Zero Dark Thirty — is in various states of undress, we get to talking about his performance as Tom Buchanan, the most hissable richie of F. Scott Fitzgerald's tome.

You just saw the movie last night. What was that experience like?
It's hard to tell whether you like a movie when you see it for the first time, just because you're in it. You're judging your own performance most of the time. Or I do, anyway. Like, "Oh f—, he used that piece instead of the other piece." Or I think I did something too big or too small. It's all negative. It was great for a movie like Animal Kingdom, because once my character is killed (very early in the movie), then I could just enjoy the rest of the film. Like, "Thank God I was shot." My brother was in Zero Dark Thirty as well. We both came out with the same experience, saying, "That movie was awesome until we arrived."

Baz Luhrmann has a strong visual style. How is he with actors?
Baz makes you feel valued in the process. If he wanted to change anything on a given day, he'd go to each of our trailers for one-on-one meetings. Few other directors would do that. I'm sure it wasted a bit of time in the morning. Actors love working with him, and they told me Baz will make you look great. He'll make sure you come off well visually.

Australian Joel Edgerton, left, plays the racist, selfish philanderer Tom Buchanan. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

When you were first pitched a version of Gatsby with 3D and Baz's time warp style, what were your thoughts?
I didn't imagine words popping out of the screen and the rapid editing style. But I've seen his other movies. I didn't know why I expected anything more subdued. But so many things are being made in 3D, and the idea of a drama in 3D is really cool. And Baz is constantly drawing from the themes of tragic love, so for both his visual style and his thematic leanings, he's the perfect guy to make this story.

You play a lot of nice guys.

What was it like playing a cad like Tom?
I never thought I could be Tom Buchanan. When I was younger I thought I could do anything. I thought I could play a girl. Young actors are pretty stubborn about casting. Then when I got behind the camera to make our own movies and we went through casting processes, I realized not everyone can do what we needed. And I chilled on the idea of people who wouldn't cast me in certain roles. Baz put the fire back under me. I shouldn't have been Tom Buchanan. I'm not that guy. But his excitement in seeing that side of me got me to do it.

How do you play a character who's so often indefensible?
Tom is a pig. He's very arrogant and racist and selfish and misogynist and a philanderer. He's kind of honest about it as well. Tom was one of the first football players at Yale, and Yale football players were the first sports heroes for American kids. Everyone would have known about him. Now he's retired, he's got all the money in the world. I just imagined Tom was really bored, and unhappy. And then when Gatsby comes in and tries to take his wife away, it brings the sport back into his life. He may not love Daisy, and he'd rather just go around and have affairs. But if another man comes in to take your possessions, he's gonna fight. He's not used to losing.

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Kerry Washington. Waiting has been difficult but it's finally paying off

The new film Peeples boasts Scandal and Django Unchained star Kerry Washington as its female lead, something that makes selling the delightful family comedy much easier — but that wasn't the case when the film was made.

"We shot Peeples before Scandal even existed," Washington explains with a laugh. "I telepathically pulled it out of the sky."

Despite being filmed more than a year ago, Peeples is one of those rare Hollywood cases where a delay can be a good thing.

"The movie got made a long time ago and it was testing really well but the studio just wanted to release it later," Washington says.

"There were earlier dates, but it kept getting pushed. It's such a great example of things happening for a reason that you just have to trust because we were sort of frustrated. And now it's almost as though we have this great romantic comedy and we have grown into the actors that could present this comedy. (My Peeples co-star) Craig Robinson has five movies coming out this year — something crazy like that — there's Scandal and Django. We've grown into being the kind of actors who could present Peeples to the world and have it being received and appreciated in a way that we would've wanted it to be. Patience!"

Patience is a concept Washington knows full well, as there have been plenty of instances that felt like career setbacks at the time but turned out to be for the best.

Kerry Washington has gotten used to being patient. HANDOUT

"Twice in my career before Scandal I had been cast in pilots where the shows got picked up and I got fired. So they basically recast my character," she remembers. "At the time it felt like, 'OMG! Horrible!'

"But when I look back, one of the shows in particular, the show got picked up, the actors got put on hold for a year, they couldn't do any other work while the studio was going to figure out what to do with the show. But they released me — they fired me, hired another actress and in the same year I did Ray. So if I hadn't been fired I would not have had the opportunity to do an Oscar-nominated film that really changed my career."

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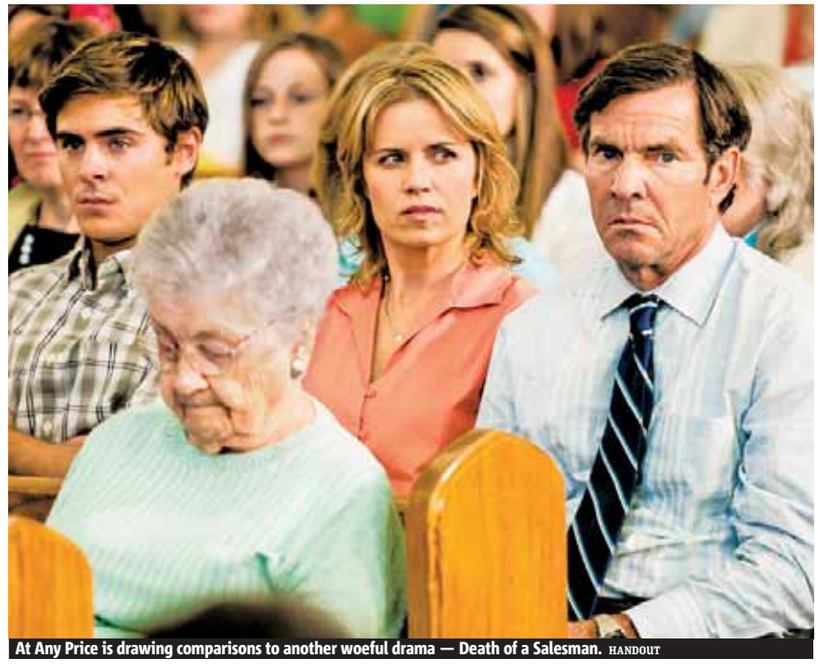
Hard questions, hard answers come at a Price

New Movie. At Any Price explores a new take on a familiar theme — the American dream and its repercussions



At Any Price is drawing comparisons to another woeful drama — Death of a Salesman. HANDOUT

The crumbling American dream is rooted deeply in father-son dysfunction in the farming drama At Any Price, an ambitious look at the impact of big agribusiness on an Iowa family.

On the surface, nothing could seem more wholesome than the thriving Whipple family. Led by fourth-generation farmer and seed salesman Henry Whipple, the picture-perfect clan is the very model of bliss, complete with a globe-trotting football star son and a budding Don Juan second son, who also happens to be a local race car champ.

However, neither boy wants anything to do with their huckster father, let alone the farm, leaving Henry increasingly desperate to expand the business while his more successful rival, played by Clancy Brown, threatens to undo hard-won sales.

Vegas star Dennis Quaid said he immediately saw parallels to Arthur Miller's Death of a Salesman and set about tackling the woebegotten Henry as the rural incarnation of Willy Loman.

"This was really, in so many ways, Willy Loman on a farm," Quaid said during a round of interviews at last September's Toronto International Film Festival.

"He has this idea of the American dream and he has a lot of bluster and he has these values and principles that bump up against reality."

There's an anger seething just below the surface, he noted, with Henry's stubborn blindness to reality manifesting in a mincing smile and nervous jitter.

The acting choices have earned Quaid raves on the festival circuit, and he said he settled on Henry's physical quirks by parsing out clues from Ramin Bahrani and Hallie Newton's script.

"He's always creaky somewhere. There's always some tension going on in his spine," he said of Henry.

"I work sort of outside-in and inside-out at the same time, you know. I like to find a person's walk and he starts to make me feel a certain way inside."

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Dennis Quaid
Talking about how At Any Price has parallels to Death of a Salesman.

Acclaimed director Bahrani admitted to being nervous the first day of shooting because he had yet to see how Quaid would approach the flawed hero.

"I called one of my friends and mentors, Werner Herzog," recalled Bahrani.

"I said, 'Werner, I'm starting tomorrow and I have no idea what Dennis is going to do. He hasn't shown me anything yet.' And Werner said, 'Don't waste their time. They're professional actors; they know what they're doing.' ... And after the first day of shooting and after I saw how he was going to stand, how he was going to hold his hand and his shoulders and how he was going to do the performance and the dialogue, I said, 'My God, this guy's good.'"

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The Great Gatsby not so great, critics say. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

'Overwrought, asinine, exaggerated and boring': Ouch!

The reviews are trickling in for one of the most buzzed about movies of the year and they are far from "Great." Alas, it doesn't seem like reviewers are keen on Baz Luhrmann's The Great Gatsby, which opens this Friday.

One said it's as "boring as sitting through 8th period English" and another went as far as calling it "overwrought, asinine, exaggerated and boring ... about as romantic as a pet rock."

Even The New Yorker didn't let it down easy, saying that Luhrmann is "less a filmmaker than a music video director with endless resources and a stunning absence of taste."

Who cares? It's in 3D, has a soundtrack produced by Jay-Z and it looks like glitter threw up all over it! Give it to me now!

Madonna's still got it

Madonna will be honoured as 2012's top touring artist at the Billboard Music Awards. The 54-year-old's MDNA tour roped in $305 million at her 88 sold-out shows, with 2.2 million people attending.

Prince, Taylor Swift and Lil Wayne are set to perform at the May 19th ceremony with Nicki Minaj, Bruno Mars, Miguel, Justin Bieber, Pitbull, Christina Aguilera, Selena Gomez, Macklemore & Ryan Lewis, Chris Brown, Ed Sheeran, Akon, Ne-Yo, and David Guetta in attendance.

So, yeah, $305 million. We can cut out all of the "old" jokes we throw her way.

The Word

Britney back with bitching bod (again)

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It looks like Britney Spears is heading to Las Vegas for a residency this fall, a la Celine Dion. And she talked to Shape about how she's gearing up for it.

"I'm doing 90 minutes of yoga twice a week in addition to a lot of cardio — hour-long sessions three times a week with my trainer, Tony Martinez," she tells Shape. "The [Vegas] performances won't be simple — they'll be a massive party from start to finish. And to pull this off, I have to be in top condition and running at full speed." (Translation: No more Cheetos.)

She also is apparently paid by Nutrisystem to shill their diet system in interviews. She tells Shape that she's on the program (that's the shake for breakfast and lunch and a "sensible" dinner for those of you keeping track at home).

I think what is remarkable about this cover isn't her toned body — or the amazing Photoshop job from the art director — but that she still rocks a belly button ring. And a very glittery one at that. What is this, 1996?

Rihanna gets cheers and jeers on tour.

Rihanna booed in Boston, cheered on in Brooklyn

Rihanna was booed for turning up late at a concert in Boston, but the audience in New York cheered her on even though she didn't start on time the following night.

Boston.com reported that fans at the TD Garden on Monday booed the singer for starting her concert at 10:30 p.m. instead of her scheduled 9 p.m., and without opening act A$AP Rocky. Doors had opened at 7:30 p.m.

A representative for Rihanna didn't respond to an email about the singer's lateness.

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LIFE 3

The most stylish movies of all time

Not since Carrie Bradshaw hauled her collection of Manolos onto the big screen has a film's wardrobe received as much hype as Daisy Buchanan's Prada-designed dresses and Jay Gatsby's Brooks Brothers suits have. So as The Great Gatsby finally hits theatres, we're revisiting our favourite fashion movies of all time — because the runways might give birth to the trends, but it's the movies that determine which ones will become iconic.

SARA CARLSSON
Metro World News

Grey Gardens

Grey Gardens is not so much a documentary about two recluses related to Jackie O as a 100-minute trend machine. Little Edie's head scarves, Big Edie's sorbet coloured house coats, the long furs, the wacky layering, the wild print-mixing: it's all in style right now. And these women — not Anna Wintour — created the look.

La Dolce Vita

The godmother of fashion cinema, Federico Fellini claimed that his inspiration for the film came from a Balenciaga dress.

Sex and the City

Inarguably the biggest of fashion films, it was as influential as the TV show, reinforcing our love of Manolo Blahnik and turning Vivienne Westwood into the new Vera Wang.

Rear Window

It's hard to overstate Alfred Hitchcock's influence on fashion. Alexander McQueen once famously built a collection around his movies. And you see hints of Grace Kelly's Edith Head-designed costumes in the earlier seasons of Mad Men. In Rear Window, Grace Kelly only wears five outfits, each one memorable and relentlessly copied.

Funny Face

"Take the picture!" Hubert de Givenchy and Audrey Hepburn sealed their relationship as one of the movie world's greatest duos with a single scene: Audrey running down a staircase in the Louvre, her red sash floating above her, mimicking Winged Victory. Givenchy created costumes for four of Hepburn's movies, all of which we were tempted to put on this list.

Mahogany

"I'm a winner baby!" This movie was an opportunity for Diana Ross to be her fabulous self, in one fabulous outfit after another. Our favourite is the suitably glitzy Cleopatra look above.

Bonnie and Clyde

Faye Dunaway's mid-length skirt suits, knit tops, berets and silk scarves are iconic, making this the second most referenced movie in fashion history.

Breakfast at Tiffany's

Coco Chanel is credited with creating the Little Black Dress, but Audrey Hepburn popularized it. The satin Givenchy sheath she wore as Holly Golightly was undisputedly the most famous LBD of all time.

The Royal Tenenbaums

Wes Anderson has a clear and unique style that reveals itself in everything, from his choice in typeface to his set design. The wardrobe is just an extension of this and yet it takes on a life of its own. Think Steve Zissou's red beanie or, more memorably, Margo Tenenbaum's Grey Gardens-y fur.

The Kit

Canadian street style

Spotted in: Toronto

Laura
Nurse
Age: 26

What she's wearing
Urban Renewal jacket, Guess jeans, Aerie shirt, Bookhou purse, earrings from Aldo and Sperry shoes.

Her inspiration
"I like anything that is comfortable, fitted and slimming. I love Jennifer Aniston's style. She wears very simple and classic pieces and looks fantastic."

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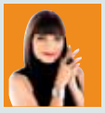

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Trends Report

- Staying beautiful takes effort, but beyond the lotions and potions, how much further would you go to enhance your looks? Head to Trends Report (metronews.ca/voices/trends-report) to find out some truly bizarre beauty trends that some celebs have turned to.

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Go beyond just kicking the tires

Purchase process. You can never do too much when hunting for your perfect vehicle

JIL MCINTOSH
Wheels/Drive

Despite how much they cost, vehicles are often impulse purchases. Many people visit showrooms just to kick tires, but fall for something they see. That can sometimes work out, but it's a better plan to research and find exactly the right car for your needs.

Ask friends and family for recommendations, including what they don't like about their vehicles. Don't think something is too minor to consider — that badly placed cupholder could be an issue on every commute.

The Internet is a great resource for car shopping. Manufacturers' websites (make sure you are on the Canadian versions) will contain specifications about each vehicle, along with photos, lists of standard features and options, and pricing.

When comparing vehicles, check to make sure they really are similar. On some entry-level vehicles, the base price might not include air conditioning. If it can be added, it might make the car more expensive than a competitor with standard air conditioning.

Reviews can help narrow your list of cars to test drive. Some are launches, where writers drive new vehicles for a few hours for initial impressions. Temper these with regular reviews, where the writer drives it daily for a week or more for a more rounded assessment.

Don't think something is too minor to consider when shopping for a vehicle— that badly placed cupholder could be an issue on every commute. TOP PHOTO GROUP/THINKSTOCK

Now that you have a few models in mind, it's time to test drive. Surprisingly, many people take a car out for just a quick trip around the block. You are going to be living with this vehicle for many years, so spend at least an hour or more, including time on the highway.

The car should drive smoothly on city streets and have enough passing power on the highway. Try parking it a few times to see how easily it manoeuvres. Make sure you are comfortable and that you can reach everything. Something that bugs you on the test drive won't get better with time.

Research other factors, too. Check with your insurance company to see what you are going to pay for coverage. If you are tempted by flashy 19- or 20-inch wheels, find out what replacement tires cost. And if it comes down to choosing between models from different companies, how convenient is the dealership to home or work when you need servicing?

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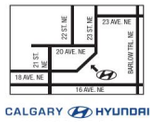

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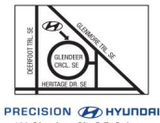

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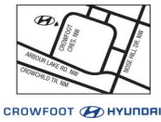

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If you are looking for your very first car, and you want to buy something with that wonderful new car smell, then there is plenty of choice out there on dealers' lots.

To narrow it down for you, here are five vehicles in five different classes we have no hesitation in recommending.

Sensible sedan: Honda Civic ($15,440)
You just can't go wrong with a Honda Civic, the bestselling car in Canada for years. It's not exciting or inspiring, but it's reliable, comfortable, capable, great on gas and holds its value well. More to the point, it's been around a long time and every mechanic knows how to service it. There will be no surprises with a new Civic.

The practical crossover: Mazda CX-5 ($22,995)
Mazda has struggled to keep up with demand for its CX-5 crossover since it was introduced a couple of years ago. It's the smallest of its crossovers, which makes it the easiest to drive, not to mention the cheapest. Everything falls easily to hand with the CX-5 and, like any crossover, it lets the driver sit a little higher for a clearer view of a busy road. The interior is well appointed with an exceptionally high-quality fit and finish for a vehicle of this price.

Family hauler: Dodge Grand Caravan ($19,895)
So you have a family now and public transit is a challenge, especially with strollers, hockey bags and the dog. Or maybe you have moved out to the suburbs and need a vehicle for schlepping everyone around. Sorry, but you just can't beat a minivan. Canada's bestselling minivan for the past 28 years is the Dodge Grand Caravan, mostly because it's very practical and it's not expensive.

The fun factor: Mini Cooper ($23,950)
The basic Mini Cooper is bags of fun to drive without being overly powerful or difficult to manage. Mini is owned by BMW, so they are built to a high quality. The cheapest Mini is less than $24,000 and although space is limited, it has seating for four and a little trunk in the back. This generation has been around a few years, so the bugs have been worked out, and there are plenty of variations, all the way up to the 208-horsepower John Cooper Works Convertible.

Luxury choice: Mercedes-Benz B-Class ($29,900)
If you don't mind paying a little extra for quality and a premium nameplate, the B-Class is the least-expensive Mercedes available and it's a solid buy. It's a hatchback, so it's practical, and it's also a very safe vehicle, especially for inexperienced drivers.

Mazda CX-5.

Dodge Caravan

Honda Civic

Mini Cooper

Mercedes-Benz B-Class

ABCs of safe driving: Know more than just rules of the road

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When educators mention the ABCs of any discipline being taught, they are usually referring to the absolute basics.

In driver education, there are the basics most people think of, such as the rules of the road, traffic signs and driving on the right side of the road. These make up the bulk of what is taught when we take driving lessons.

I believe the real ABCs of driving are more comprehensive and quite a bit different than what most motorists — particularly people who have just purchased their first new car — would think.

These ABCs should be taught in every driving course and reviewed throughout everyone's driving career.

A is for attitude: Almost every driver needs to readjust their attitude toward driving. Before we click the remote to unlock the driver's door, each of us should stop, take a deep breath and realize we are about to operate a two-ton machine of glass, steel and plastic that has the potential to kill, maim, ruin lives and break hearts.

Unfortunately, there are too many motorists who forget that driving requires a high level of responsibility. Being in command of a potentially deadly form of transportation requires we prove our ability through testing, and that when signing on the dotted line, we agree to play by the rules. Without these rules, motoring mayhem would ensue.

B is for brains: Driving a vehicle requires a certain level of intelligence. After all, our lives are on the line when we are behind the wheel.

We should never catch ourselves driving without thinking. This means all motorists and truckers should not allow themselves to be distracted from processing vital driving information. We should always think our way out of trouble on the road or, much better still, think ahead to avoid the danger.

Motorists are better off not allowing emotions to dictate a response to a traffic situation but rather to figure out the most intelligent response.

C is for control: It is in our best interest to learn how to control this large machine. It has a lot of mass and is capable of death and a tremendous amount of destruction.

Every motorist should understand what it takes to control their vehicle in extreme conditions. This includes emergency situations such as collision avoidance, emergency lane changes and skids and slides.

Most drivers are in control as long as the driving scene goes as planned. However, when the situation turns ugly, the vast majority have no idea what their vehicle will do or how to control it.

Every motorist should learn how to control their vehicle in emergency situations, on winter roads and any other extreme setting we come across.

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Art deco style all the rage

Earlier this year I predicted that the style of art deco would make a resurgence in home decorating. The look of art deco was invented in the early part of the 20th century, and incorporated modern lines, masculinity and luxurious finishes like polished dark wood, brushed gold metal tones and hits of black for opulence. As both traditional and modern, the look of deco helps to bridge something old with its clean, modern lines. This month The Great Gatsby movie is being released; a show stopper filmed in the art deco period with incredible fashions and home decor. I though it would be suitable to feature a few home decor items that will help get the deco look in your own home.

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Memoirs Lavatory Faucet

Graphic and masculine taps add strong design lines to a lavatory. Want a truly authentic deco bathroom? Try adding a black toilet and sink to the room. $630, kohler.ca

Shand Kydd Peacock Modern Spiral Wallpaper

Simple gold fans on turquoise adds a deco feel to the walls. Perfect for adding drama to a small foyer entrance or on the back wall behind a bed. $76/double roll, sears.ca

Biblioteca Bookcase

The dark walnut stained shelving makes this bookcase a great display piece or bookshelf. It fits into any space and is a personal design favourite as a see-through room divider. $700, urbanbarn.com

Starburst Mirror

Gold and shine reflect the opulent lifestyles of the decor period. Hang one in the dining room and forgo the fancy chandelier. $250, crateandbarrel.com

Stockholm Flatwoven wool carpet

Bring this season's biggest colour combo of grey and black to the floor; layer an animal hide rug on top for a completely glamourous look. Stockholm Flatwoven wool carpet, $350, ikea.ca

Ells Swivel Chair

The quintessential curved arm club chair is all deco in black leather; and this one swivels, making it perfect for reading or watching your favourite movie. $2,000, elte.com

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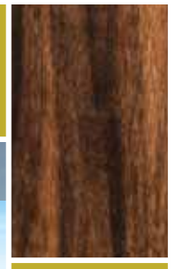

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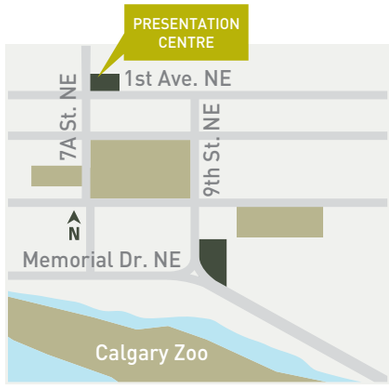

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Turn castoffs into garage sale gold

Odds and ends. The perfect addition to your home is right around the corner — use your imagination to bring it back to life

As the warmer weather is upon us, it brings many new activities, from baseball to picnics to garage sales. It's the time of the year when people are purging what they don't need, and is the perfect opportunity to turn their trash into your treasure.

From outdated odds and ends to forgotten furniture, there is a wealth of worthy items just waiting to be found, re-imagined, and re-purposed. Take a look at these ideas:

Pretty in paint

Rusty metal, chipped paint, colours from another decade — these are all-too-common sights for the garage sale shopper. But look beyond these imperfections — and at their spray paint potential — and you'll soon find some diamonds in the rough.

Metal products, such as tables, chairs, garden tools or even watering cans, can receive an easy and instant update with a spray paint like Rust Protector from Krylon. It is available in a variety of colours and dries in just eight minutes, so as you create your new masterpieces, you don't have to worry about grass, leaves or other particles getting stuck in a fresh coat of paint. It provides the ultimate protection against rust, keeping your new treasures looking amazing regardless of the elements they face.

New uses for old things

The key to finding items at garage sales is to look at how they can be used in new and different ways. Don't view that dusty, broken typewriter or vintage camera as mechanical pieces you have to fix, but rather as interesting design elements to be admired on bookshelves and mantels.

Even old books can add a level of sophistication to your home. Grab a handful in coordinating colours to stack on a dresser or end table for instant eye appeal. Buy an old ladder and prop it against the wall as a place to drape blankets. You can even spray paint an old coffee mug rack to create a fabulous jewelry organizer where you can hang all your favourites. The possibilities are endless.

Turn treasure into sold

If your main reason for getting giddy over garage sales is to make a quick buck, you're not alone. Valuable items lurk at each and every turn, and they are just waiting to be snatched up by an eager buyer. Doing your research and reading up on collectibles is a great place to start. Generally, pieces with high nostalgia value will fetch a higher price tag. Think classic lunch boxes, comic books, sports memorabilia or board games — things you loved as a kid and that never seem to go out of style. You can also enlist the help of a collectibles expert to tell you everything you need to know.

So, as you head outdoors this summer on a hunt for some bargain fixer-upper or forgotten gems, keep your eyes peeled and your mind open.

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Look at how a garage sale item can be used in a new and different way. NEWS CANADA

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DIY in your home: one room at a time

JULIA WEST
Metro World News

Pretend you're walking into your home for the first time.

Chances are, once you take that step back, you'll start to notice plenty of outdated decor that could stand to be freshened up, or a cluttered area that could be put to better use.

Rather than overwhelm yourself with a whole-house overhaul, start making small, easy changes, one room at a time. You won't spread yourself — or your wallet — too thin.

Bathroom

Make your bathroom swankier by displaying everyday items in glass. Use mason jars, sugar kegs or even old jam jars to hold your cotton swabs, cotton balls, and toothbrush.

If your linen closet is overflowing and perhaps a little musty, too, air out and display clean towels, rolled up, in a basket or recycled wooden crate. And if all else fails, it's shocking what a fresh shower curtain can do to shift the bathroom's style.

Kitchen

Even the best kitchens are sometimes lacking in countertop space. Free up some of that precious commodity by giving everything on the counter a new home.

Start with a wall-hanging spice rack, which you can build, buy or upcycle from old shelves.

If you have a bulky, cylindrical container on your countertop that holds large utensils, move it to the wall. Use a wall-mounted flower pot holder to keep your container off the counter.

Don't throw that out!

- During all of this updating and remodelling, it's easy to absentmindedly trash anything that doesn't have an immediate purpose. You might want to hold off, though. Before you dump that empty glass jar, consider giving it new life as a DIY snow globe or tiny terrarium.
- The head of a rusty metal rake just needs a thorough cleaning before nailing it to the wall and using it as an Americana-style piece to hold keys, necklaces or dishtowels.

Bedroom

Time to redo the core of this room: the bed. New sheets and a mountain of matching pillows are great, but if you want to get your hands dirty, try creating your own headboard.

It only takes a tiny bit of sewing skill to create a slipcover for your current headboard. With the wide choice of fabrics available, you can set the tone for the whole room.

If you're looking for something more rustic, see if you can dig up weathered wood. Paint and sand an old door or shutters to match the room's theme and mount it behind the bed frame.

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Quick, easy, delicious: Tonight's the night for gnocchi

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1. Put a large pot of water over medium-high heat to boil.

2. In a large, deep fry pan, sauté sausage over medium heat, breaking it up and stirring until no longer pink. Push to the edge of the pan and drain off all but a few tablespoons of fat, then stir in the onion and red pepper. Cook until they're softened. Add the garlic and cook, stirring, until fragrant, and then add mushrooms, cooking just long enough to soften them up a bit.

3. Pour in the bottle of passata and turn the heat down. Stir and heat through. Stir in the oregano, basil, pepper flakes, salt and pepper, balsamic vinegar and honey. Let the sauce cook while you move on to the gnocchi.

20-Minute Gnocchi With Italian Sausage Sauce. KAREN HUMPHREY/YUMMYMUMMYCLUB.CA

4. When the water in the large pot you had going boils, dump in the gnocchi and let them cook until they float to the top. When they do, remove them from the water with a slotted spoon and divide among some bowls. Spoon the Italian sausage sauce over top and top with freshly grated Parmesan cheese.

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Ingredients

- 2 mild Italian sausages, pushed out of their casings
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1 sweet red pepper, chopped
- 2 garlic cloves
- 6-8 mushrooms
- 1 700 g bottle of passata
- 1 tsp oregano
- 1 tsp basil
- pinch of hot pepper flakes
- fresh cracked pepper and salt, to taste
- 1 tbsp balsamic vinegar
- 1 tbsp honey
- 1 500 g package of gnocchi
- freshly grated Parmesan cheese

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Brunch. Back Bacon Crunch Sandwich

1. Set up breading station for back bacon. Place flour, beaten egg and panko bread crumbs in three separate containers. Coat back bacon in flour, remove, coat in egg, then panko bread crumbs. Repeat for remaining three pieces.

2. Fry bacon in generous amount of vegetable oil at 350 F for about 2 minutes or until golden brown.

3. Spread butter on hamburger buns and lightly toast.

4. To caramelize onions: place small amount of vegetable oil in frying pan on medium-high heat. Add onions and sauté for about 20 minutes, stirring continuously. Season with a few pinches of salt. Onions are done when they are deep brown in colour and very soft.

5. To assemble sandwich: place two pieces of crunchy back bacon on bottom of bun then top with one slice of tomato. Add caramelized onions and sunny side up egg.

6. Serve with skewered fruit and some hash browns.

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Ingredients

- 4 slices back bacon
- 2 tbsp all-purpose flour
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1/2 cup panko bread crumbs
- vegetable oil, for frying
- butter, for spreading
- 2 hamburger buns, no seeds
- 1 white Spanish onion, thinly sliced
- salt
- 2 thick slices hot house tomato
- 2 eggs, cooked sunny side up
- slices of your favourite fruit
- hash browns

Tasty things come in mini packages

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These burgers are extremely moist and flavourful due to the hoisin sauce.

Instead of beef, use ground chicken, veal or pork, or try a combination. Serve these on miniature hamburger buns and add some sautéed onions.

If you prefer, make four or five regular burgers instead of the minis.

Miniature Hoisin Garlic Burgers

This recipe serves five. Two mini burgers are 264 calories and contain 7 grams of fat. BRIAN MACDONALD, FROM ROSE REISMAN'S COMPLETE LIGHT KITCHEN (WHITECAP BOOKS)

Ingredients

- 1 lb extra-lean ground beef
- 1/4 cup dry bread crumbs
- 1/4 cup chopped green onion
- 3 tbsp chopped cilantro or parsley
- 4 tbsp hoisin sauce
- 2 tsp minced fresh garlic
- 1 tsp minced fresh ginger
- 1 egg
- 2 tbsp water
- 1 tsp sesame oil

1. Heat the barbecue to high and spray with cooking oil, or preheat the oven to 450 F.

2. Combine the beef, bread crumbs, green onion, cilantro or parsley, 2 tablespoons of the hoisin sauce, garlic, ginger and egg in a bowl. Mix thoroughly and form into 10 mini burgers.

3. Whisk the water, remaining 2 tablespoons hoisin sauce and sesame oil together in a small bowl.

4. Brush half of the sauce over the burgers.

5. Barbecue, or place on a rack on a baking sheet and bake for 10 to 15 minutes (until no longer pink in the center). Turn the patties once, halfway through, and brush with the remaining sauce. Serve on mini hamburger buns, if desired, and garnish with sautéed onions.

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Making salty soup edible

Can salty soup be saved? The answer is yes. How easily? That depends. Start with the easiest, quickest fix and advance to more time-consuming methods if needed.

Starter. Prosciutto-Wrapped Spiced Pineapple

Ingredients

Paste
- 1/4 cup thinly sliced scallions
- 1 jalapeño chili pepper, roughly chopped
- 1 tbsp peanut oil
- 1 tbsp peeled, minced ginger
- 1 tbsp dark brown sugar
- 1/2 each tsp dried thyme, ground allspice, ground cinnamon, kosher salt
- 1 large pineapple, peeled, cored, and cut into 16 spears, each about 1 by 5 inches
- 32 thin slices prosciutto

1. Prepare grill for direct cooking over high heat (450 to 550 F).

2. In blender combine paste ingredients. Process until a chunky paste forms, scraping down the sides of the bowl at least once.

3. Coat each pineapple spear with about 1 teaspoon of the paste, and then wrap each spear with two prosciutto slices. Grill the spears over direct high heat, with the lid closed, until the prosciutto is crisp on all sides, 8 to 10 minutes, turning occasionally. Serve. NEWS CANADA/ 2013 WEBER-STEPHEN PRODUCTS LLC. RECIPE FROM WEBER'S NEW REAL GRILLING BY JAMIE PURVIANCE. USED WITH PERMISSION.

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For Metro

Scented candles, soothing bath salts and silky body oils and butters to transform mom's precious relaxation time.

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Aquiesse Candle: Natural wax and a clean-burning wick housed in a beautiful ribbed tin with a secret matchbook compartment lid that doubles as a pedestal. $39.95 at teatroverde.com.

L'Occitane En Provence Pivoine Shimmering Body Oil: A delicately perfumed shimmering oil with peony extract and grapeseed to nourish face and body. $36 at L'Occitane boutiques and loccitane.ca.

Weleda Indulgent Body Lotions Kit: All-natural biodynamic formulas and pick-me-up scents in travel-size citrus, sea buckthorn, wild rose and pomegranate. $16 at weleda.ca, well.ca and Whole Foods.

Josie Maran Argan Infinity Creamy Oil: Deliciously scented with a hint of citrus, a multi-purpose melting-texture balm for face, hands and flyaways, too. $34 at Sephora and sephora.ca.

Crabtree & Evelyn La Source Gel Booties: Sole-satisfying, softening multiple-use sockettes to encourage Mom to put up her feet. $28 at Crabtree & Evelyn.

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Choose the mom of the year

One of the most important jobs on the planet doesn't come with a paycheque, but Canadians have a salary in mind. According to a recent survey conducted by Leger Marketing on behalf of Walmart Canada, Canadians would pay their mom an average annual salary of $161,287 for all of her hard work.

The survey was commissioned in celebration of the second annual Walmart Mom of the Year Award, giving people across the country the opportunity to recognize the enormous contribution mothers make to their families and to their communities.

Walmart's survey also asked Canadians who they thought embodied the quintessential TV mom; The Cosby Show's Clair Huxtable led the poll being named by one in five respondents (21 per cent). Marge Simpson of The Simpsons came in second at 17 per cent.

A selection committee of mom ambassadors comprised of three admired Canadian mothers, one Walmart Canada mom and last year's mom of the year will determine the recipient of the 2013 Award.

New this year is the My Finalist public voting, where Canadians will have the chance to review the top 20 candidates and vote for one mom they want to see become one of the eight finalists. Each finalist will receive $10,000 to spend on themselves and the remaining seven will receive $10,000 for the charity or cause of their choice. The Mom of the Year award recipient will receive $100,000 for the charity or cause of her choice.

The mom of the year finalists will be flown to Toronto for a day of pampering and an awards gala on Oct. 5. Nominations for the mom of the year award close June 16 and My Finalist public voting will run from July 4 through to Aug. 1.

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NHL playoffs

Rangers even up series with Caps

Dan Girardi and Derek Stepan scored third-period goals for the New York Rangers, who squandered a two-goal lead and then held on to get even in their series with a 4-3 win over the Washington Capitals on Wednesday night.

Girardi ripped a shot from above the left circle, off a feed from Derick Brassard, to give the Rangers the lead again with a power-play goal 59 seconds into the third. The advantage was created by Jason Chimera's interference penalty at the end of the second.

Stepan made it 4-2 at 6:02, scoring into a wide-open net at the end of a give-and-go play in front with Carl Hagelin, who had a goal and two assists.

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NHL playoffs

Voynov lifts Kings to 3rd in a row

Slava Voynov scored on an odd-man rush 8 minutes into overtime and the Los Angeles Kings beat the St. Louis Blues for the third straight time, 3-2 Wednesday night.

The win put the defending Stanley Cup champions on the verge of surviving the first round, leading 3-2 heading to Game 6 in Los Angeles on Saturday.

Alex Pietrangelo scored on a wrist shot from the point with 44.1 seconds remaining in regulation and goalie Brian Elliott off for an extra attacker. That forced overtime for the second time in the series.

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Leafs' best effort thwarted by Bruins

NHL playoffs. Krejci completes hat trick in overtime as Boston takes stranglehold of series

Leafs goalie James Reimer and captain Dion Phaneuf fall to stop a shot by Bruins centre David Krejci on Wednesday night at Air Canada Centre. Krejci scored a hat trick, including the overtime winner, as Boston took a 3-1 lead in the first-round series with a 4-3 win. FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Toronto coach Randy Carlyle called it a dagger in the heart. Leafs captain Dion Phaneuf threw himself on his sword.

There was drama and pain aplenty in the Leafs' 4-3 overtime loss Wednesday night that gave the Bruins a commanding 3-1 lead in their playoff series heading back to Boston on Friday.

David Krejci — with his third goal of the night — administered the coup de grace at 13:06 of overtime, squeezing a puck through James Reimer on a two-on-one created by Phaneuf's eagerness to pinch in to try and thump Nathan Horton at the other end of the ice.

He got a piece of the Bruins forward but in so doing allowed Krejci and Milan Lucic to head towards the Leafs goal with just Ryan O'Byrne in their way. Krejci used Lucic as a decoy, then snapped a shot past Reimer.

"You can't afford to make mistakes that lead to odd-man rushes," said Carlyle. "We turned the puck over deep in the corner and then we pinched and gave them an odd-man rush and they scored a short-side goal to beat us and that's kind of a dagger, it feels like a dagger after the effort that was put forth by our group.

Said Phaneuf: "I take responsibility for making a bad play. I said that and I don't know what more you guys want me to say. I made a bad play and it cost us the game."

The Leafs now face a potentially decisive Game 5 in Boston, where history and the Bruins are against them.

The Bruins are 15-2 when leading a best-of-seven series 3-1. And Toronto is 2-12-1 in its last 15 games in Boston.

"We knew the circumstances coming into this game," said Lucic. "A lot was on the line and we talked about setting ourselves going into Game 5 so as difficult as these last two games were, it's only going to get harder and we expect the best out of them again."

The Bruins power play, 1-for-9 coming into the game, was 2-for-5 on the night.

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Game 4

Bruins	Leafs
4	3

Laying it on the line

Game 4 was desperate high-stakes hockey with players putting their bodies on the line.

- Toronto defenceman Mark Fraser, who does not wear a visor, took a Milan Lucic shot to the face with 12 minutes remaining in regulation and headed to the dressing room, leaving a pool of blood on the ice.

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Bulls centre Joakim Noah, far right, yells at LeBron James as the pair take technical fouls on Wednesday night in Miami. LYNNE SLADKY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Heat show pedigree in Game 2 vs. Bulls

NBA playoffs. After being stunned in Game 1, reigning champs re-establish dominance in Miami

Game 2

Heat	Bulls
115	78

For the first time in these playoffs, the Miami Heat were facing some real adversity.

They responded with a technical knockout.

After nine technical fouls, two ejections and a whole lot of extracurricular pushing and shoving, the end results were as follows: The most lopsided post-season win in Heat history, the most lopsided post-season loss in Chicago Bulls history, and tons of fresh venom pulsing through the veins of this now-tied Eastern Conference semifinal series. Miami won 115-78, a stunning outcome for a game that was basically back-and-forth for much of the first half.

That is, until the Heat started embarrassing the Bulls, and the Bulls started embarrassing themselves for good measure.

"No matter if you win by 20, 30, or one point, it's a 1-1 series," Heat star LeBron James said. "They came in and did their job. They got one on our floor and took home court. So, we've got to try to go Chicago and get it back."

Game 3 is Friday in Chicago.

Ray Allen scored 21 points in only 19 minutes, James finished with 19 points and nine assists, and the Heat led by as many as 46 points. Sure, the Heat have lost homecourt advantage when they dropped Game 1. But this domination made the reigning NBA champions look like the clear-cut team to beat in this title race once again.

"We're still in the hole," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said.

Technically, yes. In actuality, maybe not.

"Today, something was different," said Bulls guard Nate Robinson, who made three of his 10 shots. "Not just with our play, just today was just weird." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MLB. Rays pound shaky Blue Jays with heavy bats, steady pitching

Matt Moore won his sixth straight decision to start the season, Evan Longoria drove in three runs, and the Tampa Bay Rays beat the Toronto Blue Jays 10-4 on Wednesday night.

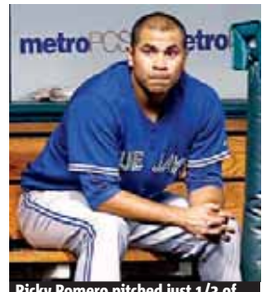
Moore (6-0) overcame control issues, allowing two runs, six hits and four walks in five innings. The left-hander threw 104 pitches, including 56 strikes, during his seventh start of the year.

The Rays lost the first two games of the series, blowing a seven-run lead Monday and a three-run advantage Tuesday.

Struggling Blue Jays starter Ricky Romero (0-2) gave up three run-scoring singles and got just one out during his second outing this year.

After Edwin Encarnacion put the Blue Jays up 2-0 with a two-run homer, Tampa Bay took a 3-2 lead in the bottom of the first on bases-loaded singles by Longoria, James Loney and Luke Scott off Romero.

Tampa Bay went ahead 4-2 in the second on Ben Zobrist's RBI single. Longoria made it 6-2 on his two-run drive during the fourth. Johnson's homer came in a four-run sixth that extended the Tampa Bay lead to 10-2. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Ricky Romero pitched just 1/3 of an inning before being pulled on Wednesday in St. Petersburg, Fla. MIKE CARLSON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

J.A. Happ

Less than 24 hours after he was hit on the head by a line drive and carted off the field, Toronto pitcher J.A. Happ was back at Tropicana Field on Wednesday.

- The 30-year-old said he had a skull fracture that doctors believe will heal on its own, as well as a sore right knee that he tweaked when he dropped to the ground.

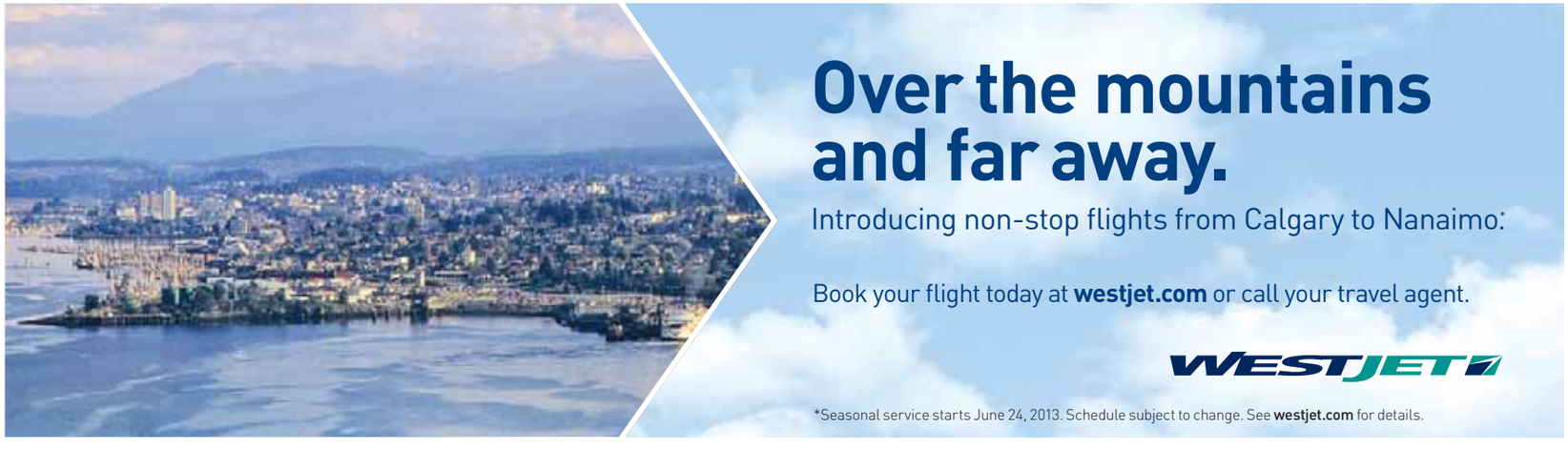
MLB

Doc given good news, bad news

For Roy Halladay, arthroscopic surgery on his troublesome throwing shoulder became the best-case scenario when he had prepared himself for the worst — a career-ending injury that would force his retirement when he's far from ready.

Halladay will undergo a procedure in his right shoulder to repair a partially torn rotator cuff and remove a bone spur. He also has some fraying of the labrum.

"I think we did all the right things," Halladay said. "Now I feel I have something to grasp onto, something to move forward with. I don't feel as lost as before. I feel like there's some answers." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS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Rising star 'doing it for the aboriginal players'

Hockey. Team Canada hopeful wants to be role model for young athletes in First Nations communities

Quoted

"She's the most naturally talented player I believe has ever gone through my program in 14 years."

Minnesota coach Shannon Miller on Brigette Lacquette's hockey ability

Brigette Lacquette says it was around the time she entered bantam that she decided hockey was really for her.

It was also around the same time she learned there was no NHL for girls, she says with a chuckle.

Now Lacquette will be packing a lot of talent and her desire to be a role model for other young aboriginal athletes as she heads to Calgary to seek a spot on Canada's women's Olympic hockey team.

"I'm not just doing it for myself, I'm doing it for the aboriginal players across Canada," says the 20-year-old defenceman from rural Manitoba, who will be taking a break from her academic and hockey career at the University of Minnesota in Duluth.

"Yeah, it's my personal goal, but I would like to make everyone else proud too, (and) my family."

She credits that family, especially her father Terance, a former school bus driver and now an assistant hockey coach in Dauphin with the triple-A Midget Parkland Rangers, for helping to make the dream possible.

"My dad has helped a lot," says Lacquette, who has been playing since the age of five.

"My dad always made sure we had the top of the line stuff. He would always make everything possible. I'm not even sure how to this day ... he did it, but he got us everything we needed to excel in the sport and it paid off."

Terance is Metis and wife Anita, a teacher, is from the Cote First Nation in Saskatchewan.

Terance Lacquette says they did what they needed for their kids, including the recent move to Dauphin where son Taran now plays for the Rangers.

"Anita and I have always sacrificed and did the necessary things. We had to really budget our money well ... When I look back now I never regret spending a cent and in fact I wish I did more," he said, recalling how he played his hockey in ditches and on frozen lakes.

"The thing that we looked at the most was for the kids to get into something and not just sit around and do nothing. That's where a lot of our youth right now seem to find trouble in our First Nations communities." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Continuing education

Brigette Lacquette says her aboriginal heritage is important to her and she is doing a double major in physical education and American Indian studies.

- While she will be taking a year off, she will retain a year of hockey eligibility at the university level and will resume her studies when she returns in the fall of 2014. She intends on graduating.

Female athletes

MacLennan helping bring body issues to the forefront

Rosie MacLennan throws out the first pitch at a Blue Jays game in last August. GETTY IMAGES FILE

Rosie MacLennan might be an Olympic champion, but even she has had her battles with body image.

But the trampolinist from King City, Ont., said her goal was to be the best at her sport — not to look the best in a gym suit.

"Comparisons (between girls' bodies) are something that start at a young age, and in our sport, our uniforms don't leave much to the imagination," MacLennan said.

The 24-year-old, who claimed Canada's lone gold at last summer's Olympics, is part of a Dove campaign — Girls Unstoppable — to help raise awareness about body issues among young female athletes. Six out of 10 girls have quit sports because of how they felt about their looks, according to 2010 Dove research with girls aged 10 to 17.

MacLennan said she suffered from self-doubt when she saw that there were a lot of trampolinists who were smaller and skinnier. Her mom Jane was always there to help her see herself in a positive light.

"She said, 'OK, maybe you have thicker legs, or a bigger bubble butt' or whatever," MacLennan said. "But she'd say: 'How do you think you jump so high?'

"It's reframing it in a positive way and making me look at it like, OK, yes they might be smaller than you, but what's healthy for you? What's functional for you? What's going to help you achieve your real goals?" THE CANADIAN PRESS

NHL PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE QUARTERFINALS

(Best-of-7 series; All times Eastern)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

PITTSBURGH (1) V. NY ISLANDERS (8)
(Series tied 2-2)
Tuesday's result
N.Y. Islanders 6 Pittsburgh 4
Thursday's game
N.Y. Islanders at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.

MONTREAL (2) VS. OTTAWA (7)
(Ottawa leads 3-1)
Tuesday's result
Ottawa 3 Montreal 2 (OT)
Thursday's game
Ottawa at Montreal, 7 p.m.

WASHINGTON (3) V. NY RANGERS (6)
(Series tied 2-2)
Wednesday's result
N.Y. Rangers 4 Washington 3
Friday's game
N.Y. Rangers at Washington, 7:30 p.m.

BOSTON (4) VS. TORONTO (5)
(Boston leads 3-1)
Wednesday's result
Boston 4 Toronto 3 (OT)
Friday's game
Toronto at Boston, 7 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CHICAGO (1) VS. MINNESOTA (8)
(Chicago leads 3-1)
Tuesday's result
Chicago 3 Minnesota 0
Thursday's game
Minnesota at Chicago, 9:30 p.m.

ANAHEIM (2) VS. DETROIT (7)
(Series tied 2-2)
Wednesday's result
Detroit at Anaheim
Friday's game
Anaheim at Detroit, 8 p.m.

VANCOUVER (3) VS. SAN JOSE (6)
(San Jose wins 4-0)
Tuesday's result
San Jose 4 Vancouver 3 (OT)
Sunday's result
San Jose 5 Vancouver 2

ST. LOUIS (4) VS. LOS ANGELES (5)
(Los Angeles leads 3-2)
Wednesday's result
Los Angeles 3 St. Louis 2
Friday's game
St. Louis at Los Angeles, 10 p.m.

NBA PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS

(Best-of-7 series; All times Eastern)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

MIAMI (1) VS. CHICAGO (5)
(Series tied 1-1)
Wednesday's result
Miami 115 Chicago 78
Friday's game
Miami at Chicago, 8 p.m.

NEW YORK (2) VS. INDIANA (3)
(Series tied 1-1)
Tuesday's result
New York 105 Indiana 79
Saturday's game
New York at Indiana, 8 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

OKLAHOMA CITY (1) V. MEMPHIS (5)
(Series tied 1-1)
Tuesday's result
Memphis 99, Oklahoma City 93
Saturday's game
Oklahoma City at Memphis, 5 p.m.

SAN ANTONIO (2) V. GOLDEN STATE (6)
(San Antonio leads series 1-0)
Wednesday's result
Golden State at San Antonio
Friday's game
San Antonio at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

SOCCER

MLS

Wednesday's results
Houston 4 D.C. 0
New York 2 Montreal 1
Salt Lake 2 New England 1
Seattle 1 Kansas City 0
Portland 1 Dallas 1
Toronto at San Jose

ENGLAND

PREMIER LEAGUE

Wednesday's results
Manchester City 1 West Brom 0
Swansea 3 Wigan 2

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	21	13	.618	—
Boston	21	13	.618	—
New York	19	13	.594	1
Tampa Bay	15	18	.455	5½
Toronto	13	22	.371	8½

CENTRAL DIVISION	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	19	12	.613	—
Kansas City	17	13	.567	1½
Cleveland	17	14	.548	2
Minnesota	15	15	.500	3½
Chicago	14	18	.438	5½

WEST DIVISION	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	21	13	.618	—
Oakland	18	17	.514	3½
Seattle	16	19	.457	5½
Los Angeles	11	22	.333	9½
Houston	10	24	.294	11

Wednesday's results
Baltimore 5 Kansas City 3
Cleveland 4 Oakland 3
Minnesota 15 Boston 8
Tampa Bay 10 Toronto 4
Houston 3 L.A. Angels 1
Thursday's games — All times Eastern
Oakland (Colon 3-1) at Cleveland (Kazmir 1-1), 12:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Guthrie 4-0) at Baltimore (Garcia 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Correia 3-2) at Boston (Lackey 1-2), 7:10 p.m.
Toronto (Dickey 2-5) at Tampa Bay (Price 1-3), 7:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Vargas 1-3) at Houston (Harrell 3-3), 8:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Wednesday's results
Atlanta 7 Cincinnati 2
St. Louis 5 Chicago Cubs 4
San Diego 1 Miami 0
San Francisco 4 Philadelphia 3 (10)
Arizona at L.A. Dodgers
INTERLEAGUE
Seattle 2 Pittsburgh 1
Washington 3 Detroit 1
Chicago White Sox 6 N.Y. Mets 3
Texas 4 Milwaukee 1
N.Y. Yankees 3 Colorado 2

NBA. Karl named coach of the year

George Karl led the Denver Nuggets to a team-record 57 wins without a big name on his roster.

For that endeavour, Karl earned the NBA's coach of the year on Wednesday.

He received 62 first-place votes, followed by Erik Spoelstra of the Miami Heat with 24 votes from a panel of sports writers and broadcasters. New York's Mike Woodson finished third and San Antonio's Gregg Popovich, who won the award last season, was fourth.

The Nuggets went 57-25 — the league's fourth-best record — and captured the West's No. 3 seed. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
The only obstacles you will face today are ones you create for yourself — so don't create any. Whatever you are doing, just take your time. What's the rush? Slow down and smell the flowers along the way.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
You know what you want, you know how to get it and no force on Earth is going to stop you. With that kind of determination you are sure to accomplish some remarkable things over the next few days.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Why can't you just accept that people are different and see things in different ways? The message of the stars today is that your time and energy are precious — don't waste them.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Someone seems to believe that you are weak and that you would rather give in than fight for your rights. It is essential that you set the record straight. Stand up to their bullying ways.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
There could be an emotional scene today, but you cannot allow your feelings to overpower common sense. Someone has got to think logically and it looks like that someone is you.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You can spend your life worrying about things that may never happen. Or you can push your doubts to one side and devote your time and energy to having a good time.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Cosmic activity in the wealth area of your chart means you would be wise to resist any urge to spend money for the sake of it. Aim to end the week with more cash in your pocket than when you started.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Tomorrow's eclipse in Taurus, your opposite sign, marks the halfway point of your solar year. It's a good time to look back at the past six months. What have you accomplished? Where can you improve?

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You need to face facts, both in your personal life and at work. Something you once had high hopes for is not working out the way you intended and you must change it or forget it.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You may not want to push yourself to the front but from the look of your solar chart, you have little choice in the matter. Someone needs to take the lead and few people are more qualified than you.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Someone is stirring up trouble just to see how you will react. You can resist the urge to rise to the bait or you can pretend to be really annoyed and give them hell. It could be lively.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Every now and then the pressure builds up to such an extent that you need to find ways to let off steam. The trick is to do so in constructive ways. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

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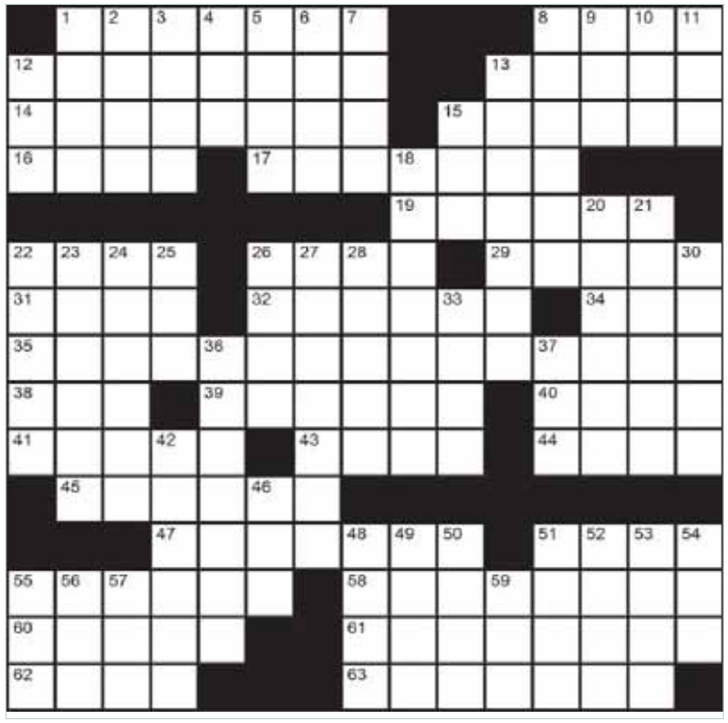
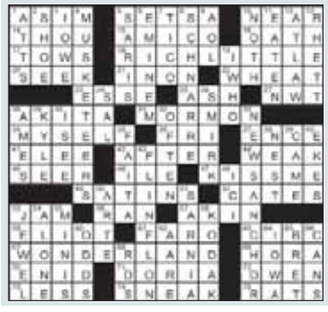


Across
1. May 9th to 12th, 1885: Battle of __ (North-West Rebellion conflict, fought in Saskatchewan)
8. Shipshape
12. Retro photo
13. Scorch
14. Anne Murray hit
15. 1985 Ron Howard directed flick
16. 'Clement' completers (Juicy fruits)
17. Stephen __ (Canadian author of Sunshine Sketches of a Little Town)
19. TV weatherman Al's surnamesakes
22. Hertz rival
26. "Old man look __ __ life..." - Neil Young
29. Make really happy
31. __ __ put into other words...
32. Scram: 2 wds.
34. Fido's doc
35. Yuk Yuk's performer: 2 wds.
38. Seafood, to some
39. Season the fries again
40. Wing ___ prayer
41. "Survivor" team
43. Cartoon fight sound effects
44. Actress Susan, and others
45. Deli selection
47. Imitate
51. Single-named supermodel
55. Attired, Caesar-style
58. Los Angeles, colloquially: 3 wds.
60. Swashbuckler's prop
61. Andrea Martin character, Edith __
62. Gambit
63. Chosen, in sports: 3 wds.

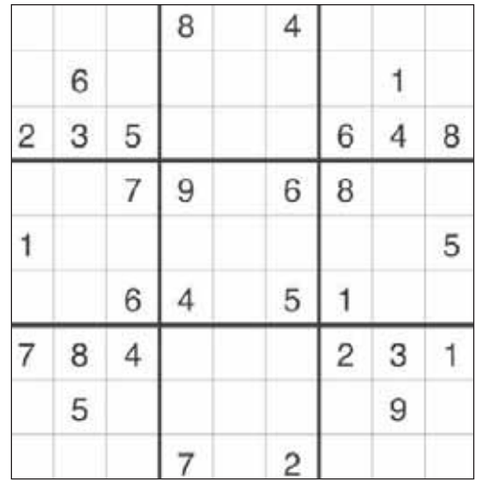
Down
1. German city
2. Hand cream ingredient
3. Some marbles
4. Globe
5. Spiral shape
6. "Spenser: For __" ('80s series)
7. Norse epic
8. Sudbury stuff
9. Antacid brand
10. "It's ___." (Greenlight giver's comment)
11. Perfect rating, spelled-out
12. Series Dan Aykroyd hosted, "__ Factor: Chronicles of the Paranormal"
13. __ salmon
15. Pigeon's patter
18. Farley Mowat book, Never __ __
20. Valley
21. Unwavering
22. Plus
23. Politician pickers
24. Roma's realm
25. "__ of the Mask"
26. Flu symptom
27. Gardener's purchase
28. Robert Mitchum/Jane Russell movie of 1952
30. Belonging to Sicily's volcano
33. Li'l quantities
36. Imagined
37. Common sitcom role
42. __-eyed
46. Spa mask ingredient
48. Purina rival
49. Mountain lake
50. Charles Lamb's pen name
51. Ms. Sommer
52. __ fide (In bad faith)
53. Memory: Prefix
54. 'Com' completer (Funny flick)
55. Tea party utens.
56. Bird of Minerva
57. Doubled word with Dolls (Rock band)
59. Play part

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.



Yesterday's Sudoku

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4	9	8	3	2	1	5	6	7
1	5	7	4	9	6	3	8	2
7	8	3	6	1	9	2	4	5
6	2	4	5	8	7	1	9	3
9	1	5	2	3	4	6	7	8
2	7	9	8	6	3	4	5	1
5	4	6	1	7	2	8	3	9
8	3	1	9	4	5	7	2	6

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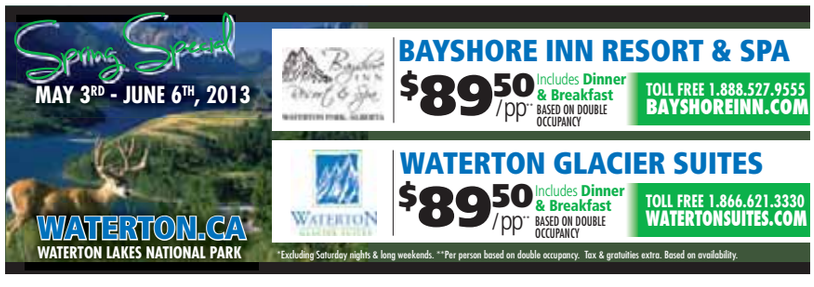
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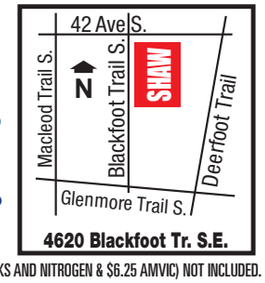

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